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NO BREAK THROUGH BRITISH AND GREEK LINE BY GERMANS: FIERCE FIGHTING NOW IN PROGRESS

Five Nazi Bombers Brought Down By Bren Guns

THERE IS STILL VERY LITTLE NEWS COMING FROM GREECE, BUT ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF HIGH MILITARY QUARTERS IN LONDON, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A BREAK THROUGH THE BRITISH AND GREEK LINE BY THE GERMANS. THERE IS HOWEVER, NO DISPOSITION TO MINIMISE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE FIGHTING NOW GOING ON ALONG THIS LINE WITH GREAT INTENSITY, SAYS BRITISH WIRELESS.

The present position has developed as a necessary readjustment from the original disposition in which the line was held by the Greeks on the left, Yugoslav's in the centre and the British on the right.

The Germans having penetrated the stubborn Yugoslav resistance so that the centre of the line was endangered, the British on the right and the Greeks on the left had to fall back and re-establish a complete line.

German Drive In Libya Halted: Defensive Action In Sollum Area

LONDON, Apr. 18 (British Wireless)—Reports received from Libya by military circles here indicate that the German drive has at this moment halted.

This must be regarded as temporary until further developments show whether it will or can be renewed. On the basis of the activities of the last 48 hours, it would be fair to say that the Germans are engaged in defensive actions in Tobruk and Sollum area.

NO CHANGE IN JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—There can be no abrupt change in Japan's foreign policy even after Mr. Matsuo's return from his European visits, Mr. Koh Ishii, spokesman of the Information Board, told a Press conference.

He was replying to questions whether he agreed with the Japanese newspaper which suggested a change in Japan's policy, following Mr. Matsuo's return. Modifications might possibly occur in Japan's diplomacy, Mr. Ishii said, but the main policy remains the same as before, to maintain and increase peaceful relations with neighbouring nations.

COMMON INTERESTS

SHANGHAI, April 18 (Reuter)—The Pact was signed on a basis of common interests, declared a Japanese Army spokesman at a Press conference this afternoon, replying to the question regarding the Moscow Neutrality Pact.

He added that as a result of the Pact, Japan and Russia were now able to turn their backs towards each other and face another direction. The spokesman asserted that with the signing of the Pact, Japanese pressure against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will become stronger than ever. Any Government which is giving aid, or increasing aid to China, seems to be taking a very foolish policy.

Continuing, the spokesman said: "According to our interpretation, the Chungking Government has lost the spiritual support of Russia and we expect that where there is no spiritual support, there will be no material support."

NEW YORK, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—The American Automobile Industry has agreed to a 20 per cent. reduction of the output for the year beginning August 1, according to announcement by Mr. W. Knudsen, United States Defence Chief. The reduction will amount approximately to 1,000,000 motor cars.

Today's News Summary

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE fighting in Greece is not denied. The Germans have not yet succeeded in breaking through the British and Greek line. The spirit of the Empire forces is excellent.

A SPEEDY REPRISAL was made by the R.A.F. for the heavy raid on London on Wednesday night when very powerful bombs were dropped in the centre of Berlin on Thursday night and caused many large fires.

THE GERMAN ADVANCE in Libya has come to a temporary halt and it is reported that they are fighting a defensive action in the Tobruk and Sollum area. The R.A.F. and the Australian Air Force are continuing relentless attacks in Cyrenaica.

ACCORDING TO A spokesman in Tokyo, there is to be no abrupt change in the foreign policy of Japan even after the return of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo.

NEW AMERICAN BREWSTER Buffalo planes have arrived in Malaya and are already in service with the R.A.F.

Details of the fighting are not yet reported, but the spirit of the forces of the Empire are said to be excellent. Experience has once again proved that where British forces meet Germans on equal terms they have generally got the better of them.

The magnificent fighting qualities of the Greek troops have also again been displayed against the more powerfully equipped invader.

It is confirmed in London that a transport of an anti-tank regiment armed with Bren guns brought down five German bombers, says Reuter.

NO ESSENTIAL CHANGE
LONDON, Apr. 18 (British Wireless)—Last night's Greek communiqué states: "In Western Macedonia, there has been no essential change in the situation. Cont'd Page 7, Col. 5

Peace Defined As Constant Preparation For War

MADRID, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Inaugurating the new Staff College in Madrid, General Franco, after defining peace as a constant preparation for war, eulogised the military methods of the German, stressed the value of surprise attacks and concluded by declaring his "faith in you and this generation in its destiny of raising Spain, and taking her on her road to an Empire."

General Aranda, Director of the College declared: "Spain will never be what others want to make her, but what her sons want which, however, can be achieved only by the constancy of discipline and sacrifice."

"They do not desire war, but desire that their country be respected and obtain what belonged to it by tradition, and the virility of its geographical position."

"TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE"

NEW YORK, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Following President Roosevelt's secretary's denial of an isolationist report that the United States are already conveying British merchantmen, carrying American materials to Britain, an advertisement appeared in the NEW YORK SUN, declaring: "WE MUST HELP CONVOY MERCHANTSHIPS TODAY SO THAT ENGLAND CAN GET ARMS: TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE."

Chinese In London Are Unperturbed Over Pact

"Talking to Chinese friends I did not find them disposed to take too serious a view of the Russo-Japanese Pact," said MR. O. M. GREEN, formerly of Shanghai, when he broadcast from London yesterday. "They think that Mr. Matsuo's only move is to secure this agreement with Russia."

STRIKING FACT
"Here is one striking fact. Last October Japan sent a new Ambassador to Moscow who was supposed to be popular with the Russians and who was charged with settling all difficulties with the Soviet. In six months he has had no success. Then comes Mr. Matsuo and succeeds in three or four days."

"The only explanation for Russia's action is that Germany may have designs on Ukraine and the oil fields of the Caucasus. The opportunity, therefore, of guarding her back door by means of a Pact with Japan was not to be lost."

IMMENSE ADVANTAGE

Mr. Green said the Chinese did not seem to be greatly alarmed at the prospect of Japan being able to move half her forces from the Manchurian frontier. The outstanding feature of the situation was the immense advantage that China's huge size gave her. In China's vast spaces even a million Japanese were quickly swallowed up.

"It is easy to fight them and then to close in on their rear and to force them to an expensive retreat," said Mr. Green. "So long as China remains united, it does not look like as if Japan will ever trouble her."

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BATTLE SPIRIT OF COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE STRONGER AND FIERCER THAN EVER: U.S. DETERMINATION

Everything At Stake For Hitler, Says Mr. Steed

"THE BRITISH PEOPLE DO NOT ENJOY SETBACKS OR DISASTERS, BUT THEY HAVE SUFFERED MORE THAN ONE SETBACK OR DISASTER IN THE EARLIER MONTHS OF THE WAR TO KNOW HOW TO FACE THEM. The fighting spirit of the people throughout the Commonwealth is stronger and fiercer than ever, while the United States is also determined that Herr Hitler shall not win," said MR. WICKHAM STEED, the well-known authority on international developments and an eminent author-journalist, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "World Affairs."

Mr. Steed said that the news of the past week could not be described as partly good, partly less good and some bad. After having been through a period of disaster from Sept., 1939, to August, 1940, and after the Italian jackal had been whipped in Africa in the land, air and sea, any task which Herr Hitler had undertaken now will not be any lighter.

FIGHTING FOR LIFE
"Herr Hitler is fighting literally for his life and for him it will become a matter of swift victory or lingering death. I myself, have always felt that however heartening our ups will be, we shall have to stomach a good many downs before getting to our conclusive ups."

Continuing, Mr. Steed said that in the past week he had been weighing up the facts and chances of the present position and he now propose to say what he thought of them.

Plain Truth Is War Will Be Hard And Long

MELBOURNE, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—MR. A. W. Fadden, the Acting Commonwealth Prime Minister, after a meeting of the Australian War Council, issued the following statement:

"The Government continues to regard the Mediterranean situation very seriously. The plain truth is that the war will be hard and long. Australia may be only on the threshold of the effort needed."

Senator McBride, Australian Minister of Supply, announced that the keel of the first from a number of standard Australian large tonnage ships, will be laid down within a few weeks. The completion of these ships is expected within a year.

Very Powerful Bombs Dropped In Centre Of Berlin: Speedy Reply To The Biggest Blitz On London

THE NAZIS' BIGGEST BLITZ ON LONDON HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY A SPEEDY REPLY. R.A.F. bombers attacked Berlin on Thursday night it is learned in London, states Reuter.

A number of very powerful bombs, add British Wireless, were dropped on targets in the centre of Berlin last night during the heaviest attack yet made on the enemy's capital. Fires immediately broke out. The attack was pressed home and many bursts were seen across the targets. Substantial damage was certainly done.

The Air Ministry communiqué adds: "Three formations of Blenheim bombers, strongly escorted by several squadrons of fighters, carried out a day attack on Cherbourg yesterday. The enemy was taken by surprise. No enemy fighters were engaged."

"The weather over the target was clear and thus enabled very accurate bombing of docks to be carried out. None of these aircraft is missing."

"During the day, a widespread search for enemy shipping was continued. Several merchant vessels were attacked; and one was damaged and probably sunk and another blown up in the harbour."

"Bombs were also dropped on targets in Holland, including Rotterdam, on Cologne, and on a number of places in North-West Germany."

"Eight of our aircraft are missing."

MORRISON'S TOUR
During a tour of inspection of the civil defence service in West London yesterday, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security said:

"Very powerful bombs recently introduced into service by the R.A.F. were dropped on Berlin for the first time last night. They were not turned out to be heavier than he anticipated. How the Germans got their ammunition Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

AFTER EASTER STATEMENT BY CHURCHILL

Reuter's Political correspondent learns that when the House of Commons reassembles after the Easter recess, the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, intends to make a statement covering the events since he last addressed the House.

The present intention is that there will be no debate on this statement, but arrangements will be made for a full-dress debate on the whole war situation at a later date when the position is clarified.

LATEST AMERICAN PLANES IN MALAYA

SINGAPORE, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—A large number of the latest American Brewster Buffalo type of planes have arrived here, it is officially revealed today, and are already in service with the R.A.F. in Malaya.

Correspondents today at one of the aerodromes, saw dozens of Buffaloes on the assembly line. These with other British and American machines already in Malaya, make the air defences of Malaya more powerful than they have ever been before.

At another aerodrome, correspondents recently saw squadrons of Buffaloes and Blenheim fighter bombers lined up on the tarmac.

"PEELED OFF"

In formations, the Buffaloes and Blenheims "peeled off" and dived with motors wide open skimming the heads of the admiring correspondents.

Visiting the Royal Australian Air Force at their aerodrome, the Press party inspected squadrons of American Lockheed fighter-bombers and also the Australian made Wirraway dive-bombers with which the Aussies are equipped.

THAI BORDER TENSION

TOKYO, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Tension has again gripped the battle-scarred Thai-Indo-China border this week as French troops allegedly staged an incursion into Thai territory, says the Bangkok Press, according to Japanese reports.

Border clashes took place early this week of "provoking incidents" the Thailand Press reports from border areas claimed.

According to these reports clashes occurred in regions where most of the Thailand border forces withdrew after the conclusion of the Franco-Thai mediation conference in Tokyo.

INT'L SOFTBALL:

Portugal Expected To Beat America In The Semi-Finals Tomorrow

Three semi-final matches in the Ladies' and Men's International Series will constitute the softball programme at the Kowloon Football Club ground tomorrow, when quality should make up in full for lack of quantity.

The "Female of the Species" start off the card with China opposed to Great Britain at 9.30 a.m. With the two best teams in the ladies' league from which to select their line-up, the Chinese are fancied to retain the Molten Cup, emblematic of supremacy in this annual post-season tournament.

Granpop Leung has been named manager and coach of China's representatives who will probably start the Canuckette battery of Mary Ng and Dot Louie. Renee Yuen will be stationed at the key-throw, Rosie Louie at the key-throw, Gloria Mar at third, Lily "Sunshine" Mar at shortstop, with Mary Mar, Vivian Chu, and Ullian Khoo in the outfield. Alice Mar, Doris Mar, Ella Chin, Nellie Lee, Margaret Young and Alice Tsang will stand by for emergency duty.

"We'll be looking after the British squad which will have the services of Patsy Jorge, Jean Yelle, Yvonne Yelle, Kitty Bush, Betty Fitzgerald, "Granma" Hutchinson, June Hall, Dolly Brown and "Coco" Yelle. Although the latter squad looks none too strong, on paper, Manager Welford expects his outfit to give the Chinese ladies a great battle for the honour of clashing with Portugal in the final.

INDIA-CHINA CLASH

India and China tangle in the second game at 10.45 a.m. and although neither of these two squads were at all impressive in the quarter final matches, fans can fully expect to see a grand tussle between these old rivals.

Lining up under the guidance of "Granpop" Leung will be fireball hurler Herbie Quon supported by Nip Lum behind the plate, Tommy Chan or Ross Mark at the first station, Bill Chang at the middle cushion, Wally Ching at the Windy Alley and Luke Bunn at third. Patrolling the pastures will be Hank "Showboat" All, Richard Chung and P. F. Choy while utilities will include Howard Lee, Gee Gee Lee, P. T. Loong and Hal Wing Lee.

Kassa Nazarin will hurl to Skelly Razack for the Indians and will be supported by an infield composed of Junior Markar, Baby Abbas, Sherry Bux and "Huckjail" Kitchell. "Savage" Hassan, Jindoo Hussain and Jesse Arculli will be seen in the pastures with "Romeo" Hamet, Tarzan Ismail, A. H. Ismail, A. H. Bakar and K. M. Rumjahn in reserve.

These contenders are very well matched but the Indians, having shown more consistent form throughout the league season, should have the better of the brilliant but unreliable Chinese lads. Nick Beltrao, Hans Waggoner and Charlie Figueredo will officiate.

HIGHLIGHT OF DAY

The highlight of the day's play will be the meeting of Portugal and

Black-out Was Not Entirely Successful

"To my mind the only method to obtain a real 100 per cent. black-out is to stage one of at least a week. This, I think, would compel the people then to take the necessary precautions, but I hope that this will not be necessary because we rely much on the co-operation of the general public," said Wing-Comdr. A. H. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of A.R.P., at a Press conference yesterday morning when he revealed that the black-out on Thursday night was not entirely a success.

From air observations, he said, the greatest light offenders appeared to have been sampans and junks all over the harbour.

It was also observed that large number of people congregated roofs of houses with lanterns and torches.

During the black-out the opportunity was taken to test lighting effects at the Queen Mary Hospital which proved successful.

A test of the efficiency of the ventilation plant which has been installed in the A.R.P. tunnel behind the Ellis Kadoorie School will be carried out early next week.

No candles will be utilised in this test.

PROGRAMME FOR MAY MEET OF MACAO J. C.

The programme for the May Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Areia Preta, Macao on Sunday, May 4, is as follows:—

Race 1—3 p.m. "The Kwan Chap Handicap" (First Section). A Handicap for China Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class. Jockey Allowance. Winner \$125, Second \$75; Third \$50, Entrance \$5, Six furlongs.

NOTE—One entry only will be made for "The Kwan Chap Handicap" (Races 1, 2 & 3). Entries will be divided into First, Second and Third Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

Race 2—3.30 p.m. "The Kwan Chap Handicap" (Second Section). (See Race No. 1 above)

Race 3—4 p.m. "The Kwan Chap Handicap" (Third Section). (See Race No. 1 above)

Race 4—4.30 p.m. "The Nam Wan Handicap." For China Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" Class at date of entry. Jockey Allowance. Winner 175; Second \$100, Third \$75, Entrance \$5, Six furlongs.

Race 5—5 p.m. "The Chairman's Cup" A Handicap. A forced entry for "Y" Class China Ponies that have started at a Race Meeting of this Club during 1940. No Entrance Fee. Jockey Allowance. A Cup (valued \$50) kindly presented by the Chairman with \$100 added for the Winner. Second \$75; Third \$50, Acceptance Fee \$5, One mile.

N.B.—Starters must be declared on the forms provided in the Weighing Room before 2.15 o'clock for the First Race and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

The following are the handicap weights for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting on Saturday, April 26.

First Race—Taimeshan Handicap—"D" Class (From The Two Mile Post, Once Round and In)

Blue Field 159, Boofat Bay, 149, Celtic Star 152, Eve of Hunting 157, Eve of Paradise 152, Forty Six 142, Guinness Time 149, King's Worthy 135, Lovely Star 156, Lovely View 152, Mauber 152, Rose-Queen 151, Scenic View 142, Strathbannock 150, Valorous 135, West Lake 149.

Third Race—St. George's Plate Handicap—"B" Class (One and a Quarter Miles)

Avon 152, Charlesber 144, Eve of Dancing 135, Eve of Grandeur 151, Eve of Reason 141, Galaxy 143, Gay Star 159, Hillsboro Bay 144, Hopeful Star 135, Hughber 148, Johnber 156, Resisting Time 149, Sam's Choice 146, So Nice 143, Wonderful Scheme 148, World Fair View 158.

Fifth Race—Broken Hill Handicap—"B" Class (1 1/2 Miles) First Section

A Happy Time 152, A Luxurious Time 145, A Surprising Time 137, Colonna 143, Connleber 146, Fair Chance 145, First Love 141, Gloaming 137, Hole In One 142, Manhattan 142, Man-O-War 145, Moonlight 145, National Courage 142, Starlight 150, The Nineteenth Hole 145, Tornado Star 142.

Tenth Race—Broken Hill Handicap—"B" Class (1 1/2 Miles) Second Section

Caterick Bridge 149, Contact 149, Corsair 140, Devonian 135, Fresh Air 146, Happy Returns 146, Joan 146, Jus Gentium 152, Lex Fori 138, Maple Leaf 142, National Welfare 145, Optima Fide 152, Pumpnickel 141, Rowan 147, Santa Anita 143, Triumphant Day 150, Venus Bay 137, Vixen Tor 141, Wayworth 146.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BOWLS.—Recrelo v. K.E.G.C., Sam White Trophy, 2.30 p.m.; C.C.C. v. K.C.C.

FOOTBALL.—Governor's Cup, H. K. F. A. v. C.A.A.F. (Club) 4 p.m.

HUNTING.—Cottage Club, Felling.

The Annual Sports of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held at the South China Athletic Association ground on Saturday, April 26, at 3.30 p.m. when His Excellency the Governor will be present. At 4.30 p.m. His Excellency will proceed to Happy Valley for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting.

AT EASTER RACE MEETING



Dr. and Mrs. Hackett, Major Simpson, Major Heane and Major Rosenbloom are in the above picture, snapped by our candid camera at the Easter Race meeting at the Valley.

TSUI YAN-PUI DEFEATS H.D. RUMJAHN AFTER 46 GAMES TO ENTER FINAL BY "SERVER"

For the second time in his career, TSUI YAN-PUI, runner-up to his brother in 1939, entered the final of the Open Singles tennis championship when he defeated H. D. RUMJAHN, winner in 1937, by 6-8, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 at the Stand Court yesterday.

The ex-holder played as well as was expected of him but on the day's performance there was no doubt as to the superiority of his much younger opponent.

Both drove with deadly accuracy and in this "H.D." showed a little more consistency.

Overhead, however, Yan-pui was far above the loser and scored many points with accurate smashing and crisp volleying. He was particularly strong in his service.

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Towards the end of the third set Rumjahn showed signs of tiring. The fourth set saw the Chinese putting on pressure, scoring many points with fine shots at the net.

CLUB MATCH

In the semi-final of the Club handicap singles, G. W. Sewell (-4/8) beat R. E. Guest (-15.1) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL
 19—Tides: High 8.07 a.m. and 3.17 p.m. Low 7.37 a.m. and 10.54 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
 K.C.C. Play "Boy Meets Girl" in aid of Bomber Fund and B.W.O.F. 9.15 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings in aid of War Charities, St. John's Cathedral. Governor's Cup Football Match. H.K.F.C. 4 p.m.
 Cottage Club Hunt, 3 p.m.
 South China Women's Temperance Union Concert in Aid of Refugees, St. Paul's Girls' College, 8 p.m.
 Lecture: Dr. Cliff on "Prophecy," 77 Pokfulam Road, 2nd floor, 8.30 p.m.
 Entrance Examination for New Students, St. Stephen's College, 9 a.m.
 Upper Levels Division A.R.P. Dance, Club Lusitano.
 "Sam White" Trophy Bowls, Recreation and K.B.C.C., 2.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 8.33 a.m. and 4.41 p.m. Low 8.47 a.m. and 11.54 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
 South China Women's Temperance Union Concert in Aid of Refugees, St. Paul's Girls' College, 8 p.m.
 Canton University English Club, Tea Party, Cafe Wiseman, 4 p.m.
 Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

Joint Luncheon by the H.K. Alumni Assn. and the California and Stanford Universities, Cafe Windsor, 12.30 p.m.

21—Tides: High 7.14 a.m. and 6.02 p.m. Low 11.44 a.m.
 Sunrise: 5.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.
 Lecture: Music and Life, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.
 Meeting to discuss formation of Portuguese Section of A.N.S., Little Flower Club, 6 p.m.

22—Tides: High 7.46 a.m. and 7.03 p.m. Low 12.39 a.m. and 12.47 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.
 Annual Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

23—Tides: High 8.14 a.m. and 8.84 p.m. Low 1.17 a.m. and 1.37 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.
 Amateur Cinema Club Exhibition of Films, Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road.
 Governor to open Teachers' Training College.

24—Tides: High 8.37 a.m. and 8.56 p.m. Low 1.50 a.m. and 2.26 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.47 p.m.
 Lecture: Lives of Noted European Musicians, Chinese Y.C.M.A., Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.

European "Y" A.D.C. Presentation of "Mrs. Dot."
 Annual Meeting of H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Bldg., 12 noon.
 Wah Yan College Sports, K.F.C., 1 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9.02 a.m. and 9.31 p.m. Low 2.32 a.m. and 2.57 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.47 p.m.
 European "Y" A.D.C. Presentation of "Mrs. Dot."

V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre.
 26—Tides: High 9.22 a.m. and 10.11 p.m. Low 2.53 a.m. and 3.38 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5.55 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
 Fourth Extra Race Meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, 2 p.m.

European "Y" A.D.C. Presentation of "Mrs. Dot."
 V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre.
 27—Tides: High 9.44 a.m. and 10.48 p.m. Low 3.53 a.m. and 4.56 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
 Benefit Performance for St. Vincent de Paul's Society of "David Copperfield," King's Theatre, 11.30 a.m.

Tsinghua Alumni Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

KING'S THEATRE

ATTRACTION TODAY

"MR. & MRS. SMITH"

Marking a return on the part of two screen favorites to the gay, sparkling style of mirth-making they helped to make so popular, the new Carole Lombard-Robert Montgomery social comedy, "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" opens today at the King's Theatre.

The picture deals with the hectic married life of a successful young Park Avenue lawyer and his spirited young wife, David and Ann Smith.

The two stars are ideally cast as the loving, quarrelling Smiths, and Gene Raymond is a brilliant choice for the part of the partner.

Philip Merivale and Lucile Watson, as Raymond's old-fashioned parents, and Jack Carson as a jovial playboy, head the supporting cast in excellent fashion, assisted by such well-known players as Charles Halton, William Tracy and Esther Dale.

Alfred Hitchcock, rated one of the world's finest directors, amply justifies this rating by his deft handling of this delightful story. The luxurious settings against which the action is laid, and the impressive mounting given the RKO Radio film by Producer Harry E. Edington, play their part along with Norman Krasna's sparkling original screen-play to make "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" a genuine treat.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Lehar.

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Fear Nothing—"Paganini"—Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch. "The Merry Widow"—Selection—De Groof & His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Popular Dance Music.

Quick-Step—I'm Nobody's Baby (film "Andy Hardy Meets a Debutante")—Victor Silvester and His Band.

Room Orch. Rumba—Ain't Cha Comin' Out?—Nat Gonella and His Georgians. Fox-Trot—Begin The Beguine; Quick-Step—I've Got My Eyes on You (from "Broadway Melody 1940")—Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trot—The Man Who Comes Around—Billy Cotton and His Band.

Swing Fox-Trot—After You've Gone—Stephane Grappelly and His Musicians. Fox-Trot—Mary Lou—Van Alexander and His Orchestra. Tango Medley—Intro: "Rosita" (Du Pont); "Jealousy" (Gade); "Julian" (Donato); "Joe Loss and His Band. Waltz Medley—Intro: "Always" "All Alone." "What'll I Do" (Grove Berlin)—Joe Loss and His Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Ronald Frankau, The Maestros, Elizabeth Welch and Others.

Comedienne—Harlem in My Heart (film "Big Kelly")—The Kiss (film "Big Kelly")—Elizabeth Welch and Orch. Humorous—Don't Bring the Children Back to London; Every Evening's Nothing Like the Last—Ronald Frankau. Piano—Piccadilly Playtime (Leach-Evans)—Patricia Rossborough. Orchestra—Tyrolean Medley—Memories of the Alps; The Happy Mountaineers—Rae Jenkins. Cosmopolitans—Vocal Quintette—Lit de Annie Rooney (M. Nolan); Daddy wouldn't buy me a Bow-Wow—The Maestros.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Prokofiev—Peter and the Wolf (Orchestral Fairy Tale, Op. 67).

Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Narrator: Richard Hale.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk by Sir Hugh Walpole.

7.30 London Relay—Special Broadcast to British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Temianka (Violin).

The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel)—S. Rachmaninoff (piano). Humoresque—IV (Sibelius)—Henri Temianka (violin) and the Temianka Chamber Orchestra. Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff); Scherzo (Borodin)—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano).

Malaguena (Sarasate—Op. 21); Scherzo Tarantelle (Wienlawski—Op. 16)—Temianka (Violin) with piano). Trolka En. Traineaux, Op. 37, No. 11 (Tchaikovsky)—S. Rachmaninoff (Piano).

8.30 London Symphony Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor).

Schwanda (The Bagpipe Player)—Polka and Fugue (Weinberger)—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty, H. Dawber—organ. I Love Thee (Grieg)—Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra. A Night at the Proms—Intro: Carmen—Prelude to Act 1 (Bizet); Symphony No. 8, in B minor—The Unfinished (Schubert); William Tell—Overture (Rossini); Pines of the Cave—Overture (Spring Song) (Mendelssohn); Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G (Bach); Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai)—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Henry J. Wood.

On the Road to Mandalay (Kipling-Speaks)—Charles Kullman (Tenor). Cortège des Nobles (Rimsky-Korsakov)—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Local Sport Results.

9.33 Film Selections.

A Day at the Races—Selection—Intro: "A Message from the Man in the Moon." "Blue Venetian Waters."

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"CHINA GOOD NEIGHBOUR HOUR" BROADCAST

Beginning as from midnight, today and nightly hereafter the General Electric Station KGEI, located on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay, U.S.A., will broadcast a one-hour special programme under the auspices of the Chinese War Relief Association in the United States, according to a letter received from the Association by Mr. B.S. Fong, who is its Chairman and member of the People's Political Council.

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ANTI-SPITTING LAW TO BE ENFORCED AFTER PRELIMINARY WARNING

Views of the Council of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association on the question of enforcement of the ANTI-SPITTING LEGISLATION of April 25, 1940, were sought by the Director of Medical Services, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, at the meeting of that body held at the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, yesterday.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke said it was nearly a year since the anti-spitting Bill had become law and the question arose as to whether it would not be the proper time to follow a policy of enforcement of the legislation.

It had been the policy of the Medical Department, the Director of Medical Services said, to endeavour by propaganda to persuade the general public that spitting may be attended by unfortunate results to men and women who breathed in this dried spit.

It was sought by an educational campaign to effect some improvement in the general situation with regard to the habit, and it could perhaps be deemed by some the proper time now, after a year of cautions, to proceed to a policy of taking action against aggravating cases.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke suggested that action could be brought against such members of the public who from their appearance of dress would seem to be of a class from whom more co-operation could be expected in the campaign against tuberculosis.

POLICE CO-OPERATION

Mr. T. V. N. Fortescue, speaking on the subject, informed the Council that a letter was to be despatched to the Hon. Commissioner of Police requesting the co-operation of members of the Force in educating the public against the evil of spitting.

The Hon. Mr. K. K. Lo (Chairman) said that the views he entertained on the subject raised by the President (Dr. Selwyn-Clarke) were the same as those he had publicly expressed on the occasion of the second reading of the Bill last year in Legislative Council.

He had not at all altered his views on the subject and though he would agree that there would have to come a time when it was deemed the public had been sufficiently educated and warned and the stage had been reached when prosecutions should be brought against offenders, he would suggest no immediate prosecutions.

It would be better, Mr. Lo said, if prosecutions were limited to the most glaring cases and only after due warning had been given to the people concerned. He thought it was wrong also, Mr. Lo said, to differentiate between richer and poorer classes of men and women in the enforcement of the bill.

CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY

It was of no use having an Ordinance indefinitely on the statute books without enforcing it, he would agree, but care would have to be exercised to prevent the Bill becoming an instrument for corruption and bribery. Arrests could be effected by members of the Police Force as a means to filling up a Case Book, and the responsible authority should be requested to take a special interest in this phase of police work should it be decided to enforce the legislation.

The Rev. J. E. Sandbach recalled a movement he had followed with some interest in a remote Chinese town in the interior when students from the various schools had conducted a successful campaign against spitting in connection with the New Life Movement. He would suggest, Mr. Sandbach said, that the Council would seek the co-operation of the Schools in Hongkong in a similar campaign here.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke replied that a campaign of a nature similar to the one described by Mr. Sandbach had been successfully conducted in the Refugee Camps in Hongkong and he would defy any member of the Council on a visit to one of these camps to find more than five spits in the whole camp.

He thought Mr. Sandbach's suggestion worthy of consideration, the President said, and he was sure the Committee would take steps to see how far the local schools would be willing to assist.

NOT ACTIVELY PURSUED

Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, the next member to speak, said that from his observations locally the New Life Movement in Hongkong was not being as actively pursued by local Chinese as it should be, and if only the aid of the pro-

motors of the Movement could be enlisted to persuade the local public to follow in a slight way what is being done in the interior, it would help a good deal.

He would wish to echo the sentiments expressed by the Chairman, Mr. Chen continued, but would suggest that a prosecution be started as a test case, action to be taken against some well-dressed man whose appearance would suggest that he should know better than commit a filthy offence.

Concluding the discussion, the Chairman said that he would recommend the Sociological Subcommittee of the Association would write the Commissioner of Police and the Chairman of the Urban Council seeking an intensification of the campaign warning the public against spitting, prior to prosecutions being brought.

If men were abusive, recalcitrant and difficult when warned by police officers or sanitary officers not to spit, then they should be prosecuted.

PROPOSAL APPROVED

The Council by a show of hands approved the Chairman's proposal with regard to the policy to be followed.

Other members who joined in the discussion were Prof. R. C. Robertson and Dr. T. P. Woo.

Sessions:

STOLE MILITARY AMMUNITION

THREE MEN GET 18 MONTHS EACH

"The charge of which you have been found guilty is very serious, one which is interfering with the defence works of the Colony," said Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in passing sentence on three Chinese males who admitted charges of stealing ammunition from pillboxes.

The defendants, Cheung Sai-lo, Lau Hing and Kwok Cheung, were each sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

They were charged with breaking into a pillbox at Chuen Wan between Feb. 17 and Mar. 2 and stealing six wooden boxes containing 7,488 rounds of ammunition, the property of the military authorities, and a similar amount of ammunition from another pillbox between Feb. 28 and Mar. 3.

Second and third defendant each had one previous conviction, the former for larceny and the latter for possession of raw opium.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, asked his Lordship to deal with the case severely as the military authorities regarded it as a very serious offence.

ARMED ROBBERY

Admitting a charge of assaulting Shiek Shum and others with intent to rob while armed with two knives at a match at Ho-mantun on Mar. 10, Ling Wai and Cheng Kam were each sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment yesterday.

POSSESSION OF ARMS

Nine months' imprisonment was imposed on Chan Chak who pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of two pistols and 30 rounds of ammunition on Mar. 28 off Nim Wan in the waters of the Colony.

Defendant stated that he used the arms for his own protection against pirates. The arms were ordered to be confiscated.

RETURNED BANISHEE

Admitting that he was banished from the Colony for life on Sept. 21, 1940, Li Hok, charged with breach of a deportation order, was sentenced to two years' hard labour, the sentence to run from expiration of his present term of two months' imprisonment.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

STALLHOLDER ROBBED

Sentence of four months' hard labour each was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on Chan Nam, 24, unemployed butcher, and Lo Chik, 28, unemployed, for stealing \$979.93, the property of Luk Sun, from Stall No. 88 in Western Market between April 12 and 13.

Cheng Ming, 24, market watchman, and Leung Hung, 24, unemployed, who pleaded not guilty to stealing, were sentenced to four months each on a charge of receiving part of the money, knowing it to have been stolen.

Det.-Sgt. R. Macvey prosecuted.

DESERTER FINED

Police constable C607, Wong Yun, 23, was fined \$200 or two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on a charge of having deserted from the Force on Apr. 23 last year, then being duly engaged to serve for a period of five years on July 8, 1937.

Insp. F.T.J. Portallion prosecuted.

BREACH OF DEFENCE LAWS

Ko Yiu, 20, cook, and Li Lim, 50, widow, were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with attempting to convey 13 letters into the Colony on Apr. 17 other than by post, thereby committing a breach of the Defence Regulations.

Insp. W. Mair said first defendant was sent by second defendant to the Po Tak Wharf, Connaught Road Central, to receive the letters.

Second defendant was fined \$20 or three weeks' hard labour, while first defendant was discharged.

RETURNED BANISHEE

Lo Sam, 24, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry on a charge of stealing a fountain pen from the person of Luk Li-cheung at Des Voeux Road, Central on Apr. 17.

For returning from banishment, he was additionally charged with breach of the deportation order.

Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the first charge and six months on the second, the sentences to run consecutively.

\$10,000 THEFT ALLEGED

Tong Tak-wah, 42, charged on two counts of larceny of \$10,514.98 from the Fook Cheung Wo firm, No. 4, Jubilee Street, ground floor, of which he was managing partner, and two counts of unlawful possession of various forged banknotes, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, while defendant was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Messrs. Ts'o and Hodgson, who pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Mr. Silva said that the firm, the partnership of which comprised complainant, Yu Sut-yin, defendant and two others, was a retail rice shop with a small capital.

At the suggestion of defendant, no division of profit was made in 1939. In March last year, the three other partners pressed defendant for dividends, which amounted to some \$11,000, to be paid, to which defendant suggested that \$4,000 odd should be retained for business to be carried on.

At a meeting held on Feb. 22, the three insisted on their previous demand for a total division and defendant, finally confessed that he had used \$4,000 to pay his debts.

Hearing was adjourned to next Friday.

DOG SUMMONSES

Two Chinese, Tam Kwong, couple of the Imports and Exports Office, and Chan Kwai-ye, shop fook, were bitten by two dogs in the Peak District on Mar. 19. There was a sequel before Mr. Lowry yesterday, when Messrs. C. Van Laugenberg and C. W. Treasle, both of No. 401, The Peak, were summoned for allowing their dogs to go out on the streets without muzzles or lead.

Both pleaded guilty to the summons and were fined \$5.

CLERKS DISCHARGED

Appearing on remand before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Cho Tse-ming, 25, and See Yan-ho, 27, both clerks charged with disorderly conduct by fighting in the Koon Hoi tea house at No. 208, Queen's Road East on Apr. 11, were discharged with a caution.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

LORRY DRIVER FINED

The fatal traffic accident, in which a Chinese woman was knocked down and killed in Customs Pass Road on Mar. 15, had a sequel before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday when Cheung Fat, driver of lorry No. 1852, was summoned for dangerous driving.

Sgt. Clarke asked his Worship to take into consideration the fact that the road was quite a narrow one and that the lorry was rounding a bend. There were 14 women walking on the road and the driver had a hard time to avoid them.

Defendant was fined \$25.

STABBED SCHOOLMATE

A 14-year-old student of the Pui Ching School, Waterloo Road, was charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with inflicting bodily harm on a schoolmate.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope said that the two students were playing on April 1 when complainant playfully put a rope around defendant's neck.

Defendant got angry and stabbed complainant with a pen knife on the right chest. Complainant was admitted to the St. Teresa's Hospital where he had been detained for two weeks.

Accused was fined \$75.

BROTHEL RAID SEQUEL

Two women, Wong Siu, 60, widow, and Ho Wah, 37, were charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with keeping a brothel at No. 292 Kung St.

Inspector G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., prosecuting, said that the raid was carried out about 11.45 p.m. on April 16 by Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant of the S. C. A. First defendant was the principal tenant of the premises and the allegation was that she ran the brothel in partnership with second accused.

First defendant was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour, while second accused had her bail of \$50 estreated when she failed to appear.

EUROPEAN CAUTIONED

Henry Gray, of Concrete Products, Hongkong Bank Building, was summoned before Major Macfadyen yesterday for failing to keep his lorry No. 4751 in good working order or condition, the hand brake being unsatisfactory.

Pleading guilty, defendant said that the lorry was in constant use for transporting materials for A.R.P. tunnels in Hongkong and Kowloon and little time was left for overhauling.

Accused was dismissed with a caution.

THEFT OF MANHOLE COVERS

Charged with stealing three manhole covers in Arthur Street, property of the Government, Lo Cheong, 28, appeared before Major Macfadyen yesterday.

Pan Huen, 38, shop keeper at No. 803, Canton Road, was charged with receiving 19 manhole covers.

Both defendants were remanded for three days.

CONVICTION REGISTERED

Appearing on remand before Mr. D.J.N. Anderson yesterday, Chan Kau, 30, was charged with stealing a quantity of clothing from Lieut. Collingwood, of No. 100 Waterloo Road.

Accused was fined \$40 or six weeks' hard labour.

MARINE COURT

Fung Ching, coxswain of the motor launch "Heron", was fined a sum of \$10 by the Marine Magistrate, Lt. Cmdr. J. Jolly, R. N. R., when he appeared on the charge that on Apr. 3 in the vicinity of the Kowloon Godown No. 6 Wharf he had failed to exhibit a regulation light.

Lui Hang, 32, master of a Class IV boat, was fined \$7 for having failed to obtain a licence for his boat.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. M. Nemaze, of No. 12, Peak Road, has reported the theft of jewellery and clothing to the value of \$318 from his residence on Thursday.

A small fire broke out at the first floor of No. 142, Des Voeux Road Central, the office of a dentist on Thursday afternoon.

The dentist Dr. Hui Wing-hong, suffered third burns to the body and arms and was later removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

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DUTCH FIRM GETS JUDGMENT FOR \$1,000

Judgement for \$1,000 with costs of the action was awarded by Mr. E. H. Williams at the Summary Court yesterday to the Nederlandse Handel-Maatschappij, N. V., who claimed the above sum from the Trust Industrial Belge-Francaise and A.A.C. Morant partner therein, of No. 8A Des Voeux Road Central being money loaned or advanced to defendant on the current account.

J. J. von Muhren, accountant of plaintiff firm, testified that money was loaned to defendant on Feb. 28 last year. It was actually money overdrawn. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan while defendant was neither present nor was he represented.

Hit-And-Run Driver

POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

Chinese Police Guard No. 763, Lau Cheung, 59, was knocked down by an unknown car in Hennessy Road, opposite Gillman Filling Station, about 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

He received serious injuries to his head and was removed to hospital. Up to the present, he could not give any information except that he was knocked down by a car.

The guard was on his home at No. 14, Tang Lung Street, first floor, from Kennedy Town where he was on duty.

The Police are appealing to any persons who saw the accident or who can identify the car to report at the nearest Police Station.

A CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error, Mr. H. T. Tso was yesterday reported as having said, "They (the Chinese) can do without rice." This should, of course, have read, "They cannot do without rice."

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1941.

Appeal By
Cargo Coolie
Dismissed

An appeal against conviction by a Magistrate was brought by Chung Shing, 37, cargo coolie, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The appellant was convicted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy on Mar. 17 on a charge of common assault on Li Kau, 42, coolie, by throwing corrosive substance into complainant's face. Appellant was fined \$75 or six weeks' hard labour and ordered to pay \$75 compensation and also to sign a personal bond of \$200 to be of good behaviour for one year.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Liu, who also represented appellant at the lower Court, said that the ground of appeal was that the verdict was unreasonable and could not have been supported by the evidence in the lower Court.

HAD QUARREL

Reviewing the evidence, Mr. Lau said that prior to the alleged assault appellant and respondent had a quarrel on board ship over some rice as the result of which appellant threatened he would assault respondent.

In dismissing the appeal, the Chief Justice held that there was abundant evidence.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ending at midnight on April 17:— Cerebro-spinal Fever, one case; Cholera, six cases; Diphtheria, three cases; Dysentery, seven cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, five cases; Small-Pox, one case; Tuberculosis, 28 cases.

MARRIAGE

RIBEIRO-FRANCO: The marriage between Mr. Henrique Augusto Vieira-Ribeiro and Miss Nidia Maria Franco will be solemnised at the Rosary Church on Sunday, April 27, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. No invitation cards are being sent but all relatives and friends will be welcome at the ceremony and afterwards to the reception at No. 8, Austin Avenue.

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PROFITEERING OR
SWINDLING?

THE LIGHT thrown on the rice situation in Hongkong, as a result of inquiries made by a member of the staff of this paper, makes it clear that the position which prevails in the Colony today has been brought about not only in consequence of shameless profiteering, but also of bare-faced swindling by those who deal in this most vital of commodities. It seems incredible that the Government, with the power to control the distribution and sale of rice, should have permitted the situation to reach the alarming state in which it is today. Indeed, the statement made by the Acting Rice Controller to the Daily Press on Thursday that he could not see how the Government can stop dealers from mixing different qualities of rice, is tantamount to an admission of inability to cope with the malpractices that are being carried out at the expense of the greater part of the population in the Colony. Surely if the Government is aware that this mixing of rice is taking place, drastic steps can be taken not only to prosecute the offender and imposing a heavy fine, but also cancelling his licence to sell rice and taking over his entire stock.

ADMITTEDLY the task before the Rice Controller is a most difficult one. As he remarked, rice dealers could carry out their dishonest methods at any hour of the day or night and constant vigilance is, of course, impossible, but to suggest that the only remedy is to send a few inspectors round the shops, when there is every possibility of these men themselves being deceived by the dealers, is futile. The Secretary of the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. H. Y. Tso, made this particular point perfectly clear when he said that such inspections would be of no avail unless those entrusted with such duties know a great deal more than they do of the subject. Mr. Tso revealed a particularly artful dodge resorted to by dealers in laying about two or three inches of high quality rice over the top of a bag of mixed rice—a trick which might easily deceive almost every purchaser and inspectors as well. Those who indulge in this form of swindling doubtless have several other unscrupulous methods up their sleeves to defeat the law of control, which has so far proved completely ineffective.

FIGURES published in our issue of yesterday from another reliable source of information regarding the pro-

A.R.P. CENSUS FIGURES:
20,000 STREET SLEEPERS

"I would be the last person to say that the figures obtained in the census are perfectly accurate and foolproof. There must be a margin of errors in such a big undertaking," said the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr. A. H. Steele-Perkins, when interviewed yesterday morning.

The census revealed the number of people residing in the different districts as follows:— Aberdeen 15,000; Bay View 36,000; Central 180,000; Eastern 210,000; Gough Hill 3,000; Quarry Bay 22,000; Shauiwan 31,000; Stanley 8,000; Upper Levels 69,000; Western 156,000; Hung Hom 41,000; Kowloon City 83,000; Mongkok 110,000; Shamshuipo 173,000; Tsimshatsui 38,000; and Yau Ma Tei 148,000.

Street sleepers are included in the above figures, 20,000 being accounted for, but that cannot be regarded as very accurate owing to the fact that rain fell incessantly on the night of the census and this must have tended to drive habitual sleepers into shelters.

PUBLIC CO-OPERATION
The Director advanced the following reasons as to why the figures could be considered as fairly accurate:—(a) the public was told that it was for the safety of the inhabitants and for their welfare in the event of an attack; (b) the whole-hearted co-operation given by the public; and (c) three weeks after the census the Medical Department selected at random several census forms in most districts in Kowloon and Hongkong and there obtained night warrants and held a check count. This revealed, in 22 floors visited, a difference in the number of people of only 13 persons. Questioned regarding the taking of census in the New Territories the Director replied that this was anticipated and would be undertaken as the strength of the wardens out there increased, there being a lack at the present to carry out such work.

CANTON WOMEN'S
INT'L CLUB

At a social held at Gloucester Hotel yesterday by the Canton Women's International Club the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:— Chairman of Election Committee—Mrs. Baldwin Lee; Vice-President—Miss Lucy Leung; Secretary—Miss Elsie Dolmeier; Treasurer—Mrs. Charles Shoop; Chairman of Social Committee—Mrs. Leung Chek-kuai; Chairman of Programmes—Miss M. Dudley; Chairman of Welfare Committee—Mrs. M. S. Adv.

Mrs. Pavi and Mrs. Tavadia were the hostesses at tea while the social programme included items by Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. D. Arzoon, and Mrs. I. N. Patale.

The President will be elected at the next meeting to be held at the Golden City Restaurant on May 17.

fit which importers of rice secure on shipments from Saigon, for example, are also most illuminating. A profit of over \$5 per picul on such imports cannot but be regarded as scandalous and it is a question now whether the Government is aware of this huge profit-taking by importers. The fact that the control price fixed by the Government includes this big margin of profit hardly eases the burden on the consumers, most of whom belong to the wage earning classes and who depend on it for their subsistence. The whole subject is one that demands immediate attention by the Government if a crisis is to be averted. We have already referred to the necessity of prosecuting offenders against the control law. If a firewood dealer who sells without a permit can be fined \$1,000, rice dealers who are caught swindling the public should be liable to double that fine. The only other alternative is for the Government to take over the entire rice stocks of the Colony and distribute it to the public at a fair and equitable price under the supervision of responsible officers. This may be regarded as over-drastring, but in view of the present deplorable position, something will have to be done and done quickly.

PEAK CHURCH
WEDDING

Mr. F. Buckle And
Miss M. Dobson

The Peak Church was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday when Miss Margaret Dobson became the bride of Mr. Frank Buckle, M.I. Mar. E



Mr. F. Buckle and his bride, formerly Miss M. Dobson. —(King's Studio).

The bride, a nursing sister of the War Memorial Hospital, entered the church on the arm of Mr. S. T. Williamson, while Miss Dorothy P. Geen was the Matron of Honour. The bridegroom, who is on the Staff of the Government Trade School and lecturer on Engineering in the Hongkong Evening Institute, was attended by Mr. J. O. Anderson as best man.

The Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A., honorary chaplain of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, in which the bridegroom is a sub-lieutenant, officiated.

A reception was held later at the Memorial Hospital.

SON OF MONTE
CRISTO

Thrilling Film At
Lee Theatre

In the small dual principality of Lichtenburg, the lovely Grand Duchess Zona was being kept a virtual prisoner in her palace while her faithful Prime Minister, Baron von Neuhoof, was imprisoned in the cellar awaiting his execution, when the Count of Monte Cristo, son of the fabulous Edmund Dantes of a prior generation, arrived at Lichtenburg on the invitation of Count Gurko Lanen, who had declared himself dictator to discuss a financial loan to the principality.

Having met, and fallen in love, with the beautiful Zona while she was on her way to Paris to solicit the aid of Louis Napoleon, the Count of Monte Cristo, on his entering the city, befriended a group of patriots attempting to overthrow the dictator, and promised them his aid—financial and personal.

The rest of the thrilling story is enacted by Louis Hayward as the dashing and valiant "Torch" and the sop banker, Count of Monte Cristo, lovely Joan Bennett, as the Grand Duchess Zona, and George Sanders as the scheming Gurko Lanen, in "The Son of Monte Cristo," an Edward Small offering, produced and directed by Rowland V. Lee, showing today at the Lee Theatre.

RELIEF WORK IN
KWANGTUNG

Emergency relief, will shortly be afforded the war-refugees in southern Kwangtung following the arrival from Chungking of Mr. Ma Chao-chun, executive member of the Kwangtung Emergency Relief Committee.

For the past few days Mr. Ma has been busy conferring with the Kwangtung Provincial Government authorities and officials of the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Association on relief measures. He will personally supervise the distribution of the relief funds. (Central News).

Establishment
Of T.B.
SanatoriumAPPROVAL GIVEN
BY COUNCIL

The Council of the HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION, meeting yesterday at the Council Chamber, approved the establishment, as soon as funds are available, of a sanatorium of 20 beds on Shouson Hill, the establishment of an Appeals Committee to raise funds to combat T.B. in the Colony, and approved a former policy being taken toward seeking enforcement of the Anti-Spitting Legislation.

It was also agreed that a sum of money be appropriated to the end of issuing sets of labels, similar to postage stamps, to be sold in connexion with the campaign.

The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, President of the Association, suggested that the Appeals Committee comprise Mr. Ho Kom-tong, as Chairman, Mr. I. M. Loo and Mrs. Ho Leung.

PURCHASE OF HOUSE

On the subject of the proposed sanatorium, the Chairman said, in part:—

The Executive Committee recently considered the question of proceeding with acquiring, and running a sanatorium. Briefly, the scheme involved the purchase of a house and land at Shouson Hill for \$35,000 and the expenditure of a further \$15,000 on additional staff quarters and a pavilion so that the premises would hold 20 patients.

The Executive Committee therefore unanimously agreed with this proposal, having been encouraged to embark upon this scheme by the very generous offer of Mr. Huo Pao Tsai to donate, subject to consultation with his family, the sum of \$50,000 in memory of his deceased father.

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (in the Chair), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (President), Mr. Arnold Pollard (Hon. Auditor), Mr. T. V. N. Fortescue (Hon. Secretary), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. Ho Kam-tong, Mr. Tang Shui-kin, Dr. Li Shu-tan, Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Dr. Katie Woo, Professor R. C. Robertson, Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, Dr. (Miss) P. Rutten-see, Mr. M. F. Key, Dr. F. I. Tseng, Miss Sin Tak-hing, Mr. I. M. Loo, Dr. T. P. Woo, Mr. J. M. Tam, Miss E. S. Atkins and Mr. K. C. Pang.

NEWSETTES

His Excellency the Governor will open the Northcote Training College on Wednesday, April 23, at 5.30 p.m.

A dance given by the Divisional Warden and officers of the Upper Levels Division of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens will be held at the Club Lusitano today at 9.30 p.m.

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater, alumni of the National Tsinghua University in Hongkong have decided to hold a dinner at Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, in the evening of April 27.

His Excellency the Governor will be the guest at lunch, with the Directors and Members of the Rotary Club of Hongkong on Tuesday, April 22, at 1 p.m. while at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency will be present at the annual meeting of the Social Service Centre of the Churches.

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His Excellency the Governor will be present at the General Meeting of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association to be held at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, April 25, at 5.15 p.m.

Miss W. Baxter, of No. 15, Basington Path, reported that some person entered her residence through an open window on Thursday and stole \$35 worth of property.

U.S. AID TO BRITAIN
REVIEWED: AMERICAN
SHIPS TO BE PROTECTED

Declaring that the steps now being taken by the United States to back the Democracies reach up to the Red Sea and that with this help the enslaved countries of Europe would be delivered from the chain of the dictators, PROFESSOR GOODHART, a well-known authority on international law, broadcast from London yesterday on the effect of the many actions taken recently by the United States to support Britain and her allies.

Prof. Goodhart referred to why American ships cannot go to Britain today.

"By opening the Red Sea, the President has made it possible to send American ships direct to the Suez Canal. These American ships can, and will be protected and, if necessary, they will be conveyed by the United States Navy."

"Such conveying will not be an act of war, because it is the right of the United States to see that her ships are not unlawfully attacked on the high seas. It is important to remember that the Congress, when revising the Neutrality Act, was careful to insist that the United States was not waiving any of its rights under the law of nations."

THIRD STEP
The third step was that an agreement has been signed with the Danish Minister to take Greenland under American protection. This was done under the Monroe Doctrine, which has been the kernel point of American policy, which says that the United States, though not opposed to any European power, will not renounce the transfer of authority in Europe from one foreign power to another foreign power.

"The situation in Greenland was in this position, because Denmark was in the hands of Germany. Owing to this, Greenland has now come under the joint defence policy of the North and South American States."

"It was under this system that the United States leased certain air bases from the British Empire. By taking over Greenland, various American states are now guaranteed against the danger of this land being used by a potential enemy as a base. Greenland is of importance to Canada's defence forces, but especially is it important because air bases there will enable patrolling of the sea route as far as Iceland."

"What other steps the United States will take in the future only time will show," concluded Prof. Goodhart, "but those I have described show how far the United States is backing the democracies in the battle against the dictators. These steps which have now been taken go right up to the Red Sea. With this help from the United States the enslaved countries of Europe will be delivered from the chains of the dictators."

STRIKING EVIDENCE
The next step was the President's request to Congress for the appropriation of a huge sum of money to supplement the aid to Britain. It had taken less than one week to pass that appropriation.

"This is striking evidence of the determination of the people of the United States not to hesitate now that they have decided on the course which they are resolved to follow," said Prof. Goodhart.

"The next step was a particularly dramatic one," continued Prof. Goodhart, "because on Sunday, March 31, the United States Government took possession of 28 Italian, 2 German and 39 Danish ships which were in American waters. This action was taken under the 'Espionage Act'."

Prof. Goodhart went on to explain that the Espionage Act was introduced as a result of what had happened on America's entry into the last war, when it was found that a number of German vessels in American docks had been damaged. This time the American Government was determined that such acts of sabotage should not take place on ships which were sheltering in American waters. "Germany and Italy had protested against this seizure, but Mr. Cordell Hull had rejected the protests."

IMPORTANT ACTION
"Finally, on April 11, President Roosevelt took three steps of outstanding importance," continued Prof. Goodhart. "The first was in a message to Congress when he asked for legislation to requisition for His Majesty's services any foreign vessels in American waters. This enabled him to use 300,000 tons of shipping already seized, but not other ships. When these are taken over by the United States Government they can be used for taking over part of the burden that now falls on the British Mercantile Marine."

"The second step was even more important," President Roosevelt issued a proclamation under which he declared that the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden were no longer combat zones and that they were now open to American shipping.

"To understand this you must go back to 1935. At that time, war between Italy and Abyssinia was imminent and there was a danger that this might spread to other countries. There was overwhelming feeling in the United States that at all costs America should not become involved in a European war."

NEUTRALITY ACT
"The first Neutrality Act was then passed. This placed an embargo on all armament trade between the United States and combatant countries. This act was re-drafted in 1939 and laid down that the President should define combat areas and thereafter it was unlawful for any American vessel to proceed to such areas. That is

CHUNGKING, April 18 (Central)
—A Shanghai dispatch states that a number of Germans have recently arrived in Shanghai. A part of them are officers engaged by the Japanese for the training of parachute troops and the rest are Gestapo."

China
Foundation
Conference

The 17th annual Conference of the Board of Trustees of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture was held under the chairmanship of Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday morning, during which reports of the Foundation's work in the past year were read, the budgets and grants-in-aid for 1941-42 were decided upon and new officers were elected.

The grants-in-aid to be appropriated to various universities, colleges and cultural institutes in China total US\$18,000, \$871,000 (Chinese currency in Free China), and \$50,000 (Chinese currency in Shanghai). Altogether 21 institutions will receive such grants.

New officers for 1941-42 elected are as follows: Trustees: Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, Dr. Sun Fo and Mr. H. C. Zen; Officers of the Board: Chairman, Dr. W. W. Yen; Vice-chairman, Dr. Paul Monroe, and Dr. Wong Wen-hao; secretary, Mr. Y. T. Tsui; and treasurers, Dr. Sao-ke Alfred See and Mr. C. R. Bennett. (Dr. J. E. Baker acting).

ADMIRAL'S TRIBUTE TO BRAVE MEN OF BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE

"The merchant sailor is a brave man who faces hardships and wet and cold and the dangers of gun and torpedo fire and bombs and mines with strength and courage. His sense of humour is always with him. He who never has and never will desert the Empire deserves a warm welcome," remarked ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK DREYER when he broadcast from London yesterday on Merchant Navy.

Opening his talk, Sir Frederick said that he joined the Royal Navy 50 years ago when there were many sailing ships. The particular type of merchant sailor then was little different now. The modern British merchant seaman was just as brave, just as kind as any of his predecessors a thousand years ago.

THE SEA INSTINCT

The longer a man was a sailor the more he loved the sea. The sea instinct, which was of vital importance, was born in Alfred the Great, King of England, who died 1,040 years ago. He built great galleys and put to sea and was rightly described as the father of the British navy. 1,015 years after his death the present King of England put to sea in his father's ship Collingwood and fought against the Germans.

In order to appreciate what the merchant navy was capable of transporting, Admiral Dreyer said that 50,000 tons of food per day and 100,000 tons of other cargo per day were brought to England. The general cargo of a ship of 4,000 tons would be about six miles of railway tracks.

ADMIRALTY CONTROL

At the outbreak of the war, the merchant ships were brought under the operational control of the Admiralty and became the Merchant Navy and a Ministry of Shipping was formed for its administration.

They had given splendid service and had been protected by their brothers, the Jack Tar. They had been escorted for miles by the "men of the light blue" as the sailor called the men of the Royal Air Force.

Admiral Dreyer said that his remarks about the splendid achievements of the merchant navy in this war were based on personal experience. He was Commodore of convoys in the Atlantic, including coastal convoys. The deep affection that existed between the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy was one of the most delightful things of this war and he, therefore, had special reason for realising with what delight the merchant seamen

heard of the great success of the Royal Navy in the Battle of Cape Matapan.

The officers and men of the Royal Navy had fully returned the compliment to their brothers in the Merchant Navy when they paid tribute to their outstanding qualities in addition to their endurance, good seamanship and bravery in the face of savage enemy attacks.

COMPENSATION SCHEME

The Royal Navy had welcomed the compensation scheme for war injuries for men of the Merchant Navy and the inclusion of pensions for widows and children. They also welcomed the scheme whereby the payment of merchant seamen was brought up to that of Allied seamen who received special payment.

Admiral Dreyer went on to say that he could tell with inner knowledge that the merchant seamen derived their strength and determination from the brave way in which the women of Britain were facing up to the enemy bombing raids.

The women who brought love and grace into our households were showing outstanding bravery and courage. They were steeled and strengthened by sacrifices. The sailors knew that the women at home were just as determined as they to fight for the things they love.

"We are fighting for freedom and to live as Christian people," said Sir Frederick. "With regard to the spirit of the people, Mr. Priestley, in a recent broadcast, referred to the fact that one found middle-aged men, some with spectacles, some with flat feet, being awarded decorations for gallantry. There is, of course, no way to gauge the courage and resoluteness of people except when they are in the face of danger."

In his closing remarks, Admiral Dreyer said that he had women and children on board his ship in a convoy when another was torpedoed. They turned round and the women and children lifted their brave hearts as they assembled by their boats, completely calm.

Spirit Of Commonwealth People Stronger

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units into Tripoli and whether our Intelligent Service were aware of it are questions which remain to be answered.

ONE ANSWER

"One answer is that connivance, if not complicity," was given by France and that the Germans were allowed to use French territorial waters. But against all this are the exploits of the British navy on Tuesday night in destroying an Italian convoy together with three Italian destroyers, and this shows that the German forces must have lost some of the resources necessary for the Battle of Egypt.



"Then there is the Battle of Atlantic, and all these are the vital parts of the Battle of Britain which is being fought for by night and day on and under the sea.

"In all directions Herr Hitler is making a sustained and formidable effort," continued Mr. Stead. "He had to make it, and will have to go on making it, for everything is at stake for him, and everything is at stake for democracies. Either he or we must go under."

"The first thing is to face the question rightly. By the middle of summer last year Herr Hitler had carried everything before him. The Low Countries and France were at his feet and even the United States felt that Britain would be unable to hold out. Then Field-Marshal Goering sustained his first defeat in the mass attack on Britain, while Herr Hitler fared disastrously at sea."

FAVOURABLE PROSPECTS

Mr. Stead said that Herr Hitler then realised that he must capture the Middle East. Many people had forgotten how favourable the prospects seemed to him and, in October, a strong Italian army stood ready to invade Egypt, and other Italian forces came from Eritrea to take part in the projected panzer

movement. From Libya, Italian units had occupied Somaliland and entered Kenya.

In the meantime, Herr Hitler had dominated Rumania; Bulgaria was being prepared to work with him, and Yugoslavia was thought to be ripe for collaboration with the Axis.

Signor Mussolini, certainly, and Herr Hitler, probably, thought that the Greeks would bow to an ultimatum. Syria was collaborating with the Axis, while Germany was intriguing in Iraq. To Herr Hitler it seemed a clear and unopposed campaign in the Middle East.

"But the Greeks resisted the Italians and defeated them. Crete became a naval and air base. The British Army of the Nile drove the Italians from Libya. Libya, Italian Somaliland, Abyssinia and Eritrea were conquered. The Greeks were reinforced, by British troops and air squadron. The Italian navy was crippled in the Battle of Matapan, and Yugoslavia resolved to fight."

PLANS UPSET

"Little or nothing had gone according to Herr Hitler's anticipations," said Mr. Stead, "and he was bound to make an effort to retrieve the situation and he is fighting hard now to regain some of the advantages that eluded him."

"But he cannot restore the Italian navy to its former strength. He cannot replace the thousands of planes and pilots lost by the Italians. The Italians no longer threaten the Sudan."

"Herr Hitler is also not winning the Battle of the Atlantic and supplies from the United States to Britain and the allied forces will be coming through the Red Sea. The resources of the United States are far more fully behind the democracies than that they were last October. Meanwhile, Britain's fighting strength on land, sea and air is greater than it was."

NO NAZI GAINS

"So, on balance, Herr Hitler has certainly not gained. Can he gain more in the near future? He may or may not. While he drives towards the Middle East, harbours and industrial centres in Germany are suffering daily and nightly devastating attacks from British aircraft. The German people know this and the people Herr Hitler has enslaved know it too."

"Seen in perspective, therefore, the course of the war does not point to a German triumph," concluded Mr. Stead. "It may point to more desperate attempts by Herr Hitler to win the Battle of Britain, by air attacks or even by invasion. But things will have to go very differently after the first disastrous failure of his plan for the enslavement of the world."

A SPEEDY REPRISAL

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were seen to burst in the centre of the city. The new Stirling bomber was in action in this raid.

"Unlike the Nazis, we make no hysterical noise about reprisals. We have our plans. They will be carried out. Berlin was bombed according to plan. Let Herr Hitler understand that we have as much right to bomb Berlin as he has to bomb London."

In the meantime, London has rapidly revived from the attack and is going smartly about its business.

ON PORTSMOUTH

The Nazi air attack over Britain on Thursday night was concentrated on Portsmouth, adds Reuter. The raid lasted many hours and high explosives did damage to houses in various parts of the city, but the casualties were remarkably light.

Two German planes were brought down in the Portsmouth attack.

FAIRLY HEAVY

Enemy aircraft made a fairly heavy attack on a south coast town, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

The attack began soon after dark and lasted most of the night. Reports show that casualties were light and damage not severe. There was some other enemy activity, principally over Southern, Eastern and North-Eastern England.

In all these districts, casualties were few and no substantial damage was done.

BRITISH SUCCESS AT TOBRUK

Isolation Claim By Axis Refuted

CAIRO, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—The successful British operations in Tobruk on Wednesday, when an Italian position was penetrated, cannot be taken as a major engagement.

At the same time, it is pointed out that the latest Italian defeat, coming on the morrow of the repulse of the German attack, flatly disposes of the Axis claim that Tobruk is isolated.

There is no further information about the mission of the Duke of Aosta's envoy to the British in Abyssinia.

TRIPOLI BOMBED

The R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm carried out a heavy raid on Wednesday night on Tripoli, the main base of the Italo-German force in Libya.

Shipping and harbour installations were the chief objectives. One medium-sized tanker was hit and the vessel burned fiercely for over an hour. There were many near misses to other shipping. Vessels anchored outside the harbour were attacked.

Several direct hits were scored on the Spanish mole, and a big fire was started at the town end. Search-light positions were also machine-gunned.

All British aircraft returned safely.

One enemy aircraft is known to have been destroyed during the night.

NO BREAK THROUGH

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On the Albanian front, our line has been straightened. In the course of these movements, Kilsura and Erseka were evacuated."

SYSTEMATIC BOMBING

ATHENS, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—The Luftwaffe is systematically bombing villages and towns on the Allies' lines of communication.

Larissa, some 20 miles behind Mount Olympus front, after being devastated in a recent earthquake and bombed by the Italians, has now been completely shattered in an attack by 40 German dive-bombers.

Waves of bombers flew over the town, bombing and machine-gunning it. Larissa is now practically deserted, all citizens having been evacuated, with houses in ruins and many fires still burning.

TREMENDOUS BATTLE

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Uncertainty still hangs over the tremendous battle being fought north of the Larissa plain, where Greek, British and Anzac forces strive to hold back Herr Hitler's 1941 blitz, says the NEWS-CHRONICLE Athens correspondent.

After long periods of silence along the ironclad mountain front, German tanks appear, first, fast double-enders which go as quickly backwards as forwards, then heavy units, generally 35-tonners.

Our men wait until the tanks are close up so close that the changing of gear can be heard. Then anti-tank guns and rifles open at a range which means that the thickest armour is penetrable.

HATCHES OPEN

A New Zealander describing how he waited for a similar attack added: "A tank with its hatches open came right up under the bluff where we were cooking soup. Before we opened fire, one of us emptied the scalding contents of the cauldron down into the open tank."

These tank attacks against our lines are usually in the nature of reconnaissance and are rarely persisted in, once the Germans discover the position is strongly held. During the past few days, Allied forces have beaten off scores of them, but still they come on seeking the weak spot which they believe must exist.

TO LEAVE ISTANBUL

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—The British Legation has advised British women and children in Istanbul to leave, says a report received here from that city.

IRISH PEOPLE'S RIGHTS WILL NOT BE BARTERED

BOSTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Eire would not give up or lease ports, Mr. Aiken, Eire Defence Minister, told a meeting here held under the auspices of the American friends of Irish neutrality.

"The sovereign rights of the Irish people," he said, "will not be bartered for food, ships, arms or any other consideration."

He added that there is no chance of Eire changing her neutrality policy unless she were attacked.



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SIGNAL CHINESE SUCCESS IN KWANGTUNG

SHIUKWAN, Apr. 18 (Central)—Following the recapture of Hoi-tung on the south-east Kwangtung coast on April 13, Chinese troops in pursuit of the fleeing Japanese smashed their way to Swabue and recovered the town on April 15.

The remnant Japanese retired aboard their warships off the coast.

A message from Swabui says that a Japanese unit made a landing at a point near Swabui on April 7. After being subjected to Chinese attacks, they retired to their warships.

According to a message from Hainan Island, a squadron of 10 Japanese planes raided various points in the district of Paoing on that island on April 8. Many incendiary bombs were

AGRICULTURE IN FUKIEN

To develop agricultural enterprises in Fukien, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has made an appropriation of \$300,000 for the purpose of increasing food production in the province.

The Ministry is also planning to establish an organ to supervise and direct agricultural enterprises in Fukien with General Chieh Yi, Chairman of the province, acting concurrently as Director. (Central News)

BATAVIA, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Reinforcement of the Netherlands Navy and merchant fleet and the extension of personnel of the Netherlands Government in London by experts from the East Indies, were announced by M. Welter in a Press conference. The merchant fleet would be reinforced by two 10,000-ton freighters.

dropped, demolishing a number of civilian houses.

Londoners At Their Very Best In Recent Raid

"If the Nazis could see London now they will be very much disappointed with the result of their brutal attack," said MR. O. M. GREEN, Far Eastern Editor of Reuter's, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "News Letter for the Far East."

Mr. Green opened his talk by referring to the use of the Adolf Hitler division in the fighting in the Balkans. This specially selected body of Storm Troops had, according to reports, been driven back with heavy losses.

DREGS OF DREGS

"This division is Herr Hitler's particular darling," said Mr. Green. "It comprises of the dregs of the dregs of Nazidom, and they all have the diseased Nazi mind. Not one of them will hesitate to see his mother sent to a concentration camp because in their eyes Germany can do no wrong."

"The Adolf Hitler division had very little to do with France and the Low Countries, and now they are being given a chance to meet the hated British. We have many of their stamp among the Luftwaffe prisoners here."

"It is a revelation of the curious Nazi nature that their radio is still crying out aloud over last week's British raid over Berlin, and that the Berlin Opera House and the Unter der Linden was destroyed. Under der Linden is next to important German offices."

OWN MEDICINE

"This attack is described as the infamous methods of the British Air Forces. It is nothing, of course, that their own airmen have killed over 30,000 citizens here and destroyed churches, chapels, hospitals and nursing homes. Well, the Nazi complaints are being given a taste of their own medicine, so it is throwing light on their own nature."

"You have no doubt heard of the savage raid which was made on London the night before last," continued Mr. Green. "Two things must be said. Londoners showed themselves at their very best. I was about London that day and I saw business being carried on as usual—shops were trading often despite broken fronts, and there was not the slightest concern on every face."

"No praise too high can be given to the way in which London is being cleaned up. Already the thoroughfares have been opened and traffic moves along with fair freedom."

HOSPITAL HEROES

"Speaking of hospitals reminds me of the attack on St. Thomas' Hospital," said Mr. Green, and went on to say that some parts of this institution had been transferred to the country amid more suitable surroundings, away from the noise and dust of London.

"There is no more famous hospital in the world than St. Thomas'," said Mr. Green. "During the air raid the staff all behaved like heroes. Many of them were killed, and others were maimed, but they never faltered in their duty."

"St. Thomas' was no exception. Many other hospitals and nursing homes had suffered in varying degrees from bombs, yet in all cases they had worked on unflinchingly in doing their duty and saving the sick people in their charge."

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Saturday, the 19th April, 1941,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A Quantity of Electric Waffle Irons, Fans, Irons, Toasters, Heaters, Ovens, Burner Heads and Wicks, etc., etc.

also

8400 gross Shoe Laces
2 dozen "Avon" Fountain Pens
2 dozen "Avon" Fountain Pen and Pencil combination
1 Bag Sulphate of Ammonia
37 pieces Old Rubber Tyres
1 Fairbank Platform Scale
1 Case Celluloid Tooth Brush Cases

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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Tuesday, the 22nd April, 1941,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
COLLECTION OF POSTAGE
STAMPS.

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CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road: Low Sunday, Morning services: 1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass at 8 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 8.30 Catechetical Instruction 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. April 24—Thursday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction at 5.30 p.m. April 25th—St. Mark, Evangelist, The Litany of the Saints and Procession at 7.10 a.m. On week days Mass at 8 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (Hongkong Branch) CHAPEL

24, Chamberland Rd., Kowloon Tong

Rev. John Bechtel, Pastor.

Sunday Services: In English: 10 a.m. Worship. Speaker: Rev. C. R. Carter. Subject: God's Great Love. 8.30 p.m. Evangelistic Service. Speaker: Rev. John Bechtel. Subject: "Learning by Experience."

Thursday, 7 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Subject: "Abraham, the Friend of God."

In Cantonese, Sunday, 11 a.m. Worship. Speaker: Miss Edna Loh, Dean of Bethel Bible Seminary. Subject: "The Banished Land."

3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Service. Speaker: Mr. S. S. Sze.

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Cantonese.

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

PASCAL TIME: ST. GEORGE: BISHOP ULLATHORNE

The Sunday after Easter is called "Low Sunday" in contrast to the great day of Easter. The joyful character of the liturgy continues during eight days after Easter and in a certain degree continues all through Paschal time, which lasts until the week after Pentecost. The word Alleluia (Praise God), which was a Hebrew expression of rejoicing—a kind of religious "Hurrah!"—is repeated constantly in the prayers of Paschal time.

In addition to the popular term "Low Sunday" other names have also been given to this first Sunday after Easter. The Latin term "Dominica in albis" (Sunday in white) is a curious contraction, for it omits the word "deponendis," which shows that its full meaning is that white garments were "put aside" on that day, not worn as the title would suggest. In the early days of Christianity those who were baptised at Easter wore white garments in church for a week.

Another name is "Quasimodo Sunday," by which the day is often called in European continental countries. It comes from the first word (meaning "like") in the prayers of the Mass of the day. Formerly many Sundays received a designation in this way from the first word of the Mass.

ST. GEORGE

St. George, the Patron of England, whose feast occurs next Wednesday, April 23, is not the mythical or mysterious person that he is sometimes thought to be. Considering that he lived as far back as the fourth century, we possess quite a fair amount of information about him.

The reason for the scanty information about him in collections of Lives of Saints which are very full in their stories of other saints, is that the earliest accounts of St. George were written in the early centuries by heretical writers who added fables to facts.

Later on, when responsible writers began to write the lives, they found it so hard to distinguish legend from fact in the case of St. George that they omitted all particulars. Diligent study in historical sources has however revealed a good deal of reliable information about him.

St. George was a soldier of Cappadocia, a Roman province in North Eastern Asia Minor, belonging to a wealthy family, with estates in Palestine. He reached prominence in the army and came to the notice of the Emperor Diocletian, but all the time maintained his loyalty to his Christian faith.

When the Emperor issued an edict against Christianity, George resigned from the army and protested to the Emperor. The Emperor offered him new honours if he would submit. When he refused he suffered many tortures till he was finally put to death in A.D. 303.

It was the reputation of the Saint which persisted among the soldiers that was responsible for his fame. The Crusaders learned of him in the East and brought his name to England. His connection with England became traditional when Edward III founded the Most Noble Order of the Garter in 1349.

The legend of this Order's origin from the loss of a lady's garter has obscured the truth, which is that the so-called "garter" was a golden collar from which hung a blue ribbon depicting St. George slaying the dragon.

BISHOP ULLATHORNE

Memories of Bishop Ullathorne, who was mainly responsible for the restoration of the English hierarchy, were recalled by the

destruction of Coventry. Three of the six Catholic churches of the city were bombed in its most devastating raid—one had been previously damaged—and the one which was damaged most was one built by Dr. Ullathorne before he became bishop. The date on the tablet that bears his name, as pastor, is 1843.

Bishop Ullathorne was a direct descendant of St. Thomas More and his mother was a relative of the Arctic explorer, Sir John Franklin. As a young man he went to sea, and it was while attending Mass in Memel, on the Baltic, that he decided to become a priest. He became a Benedictine and went to Australia, where he refused a bishopric.

Returning to England he took charge of a parish in Coventry until he was made Vicar Apostolic of the Western District of England. When, after long negotiations promoted by him, the English hierarchy was restored, he was then made Bishop of Birmingham, where he remained for thirty-seven years. He was the author of many books.

An interesting fact about the Coventry church which he built is that it had as architect Charles Hanson, the inventor of the hand-saw. Mr. Hanson was at that time Town Surveyor of Coventry and visited a great number of old churches before making his design. The spire, which still stands, is a landmark in a city renowned for its spires.

"WHITE FATHERS"

Nine "White Fathers," missionaries of Africa, were killed or mortally wounded in the Battle of France in 1940, and 29 aspirant missionaries with two of their professors are now in an internment camp in occupied France. The missionaries were able to administer 218,386 baptisms in the past year in Africa, thus bringing the total of Catholics in their missions to 1,587,558.

The complete mobilisation of the French Army took away hundreds of missionaries from their field of work. A certain number of them were freed after the Armistice, but many missionaries, in the prime of youth, were killed or mortally wounded in the battles of the month of June. Some are still with their regiments in Syria or North Africa.

The "White Fathers," or "Missionaries of Our Lady of Africa," are among the most famous of Catholic missionary institutes. They were founded by Cardinal Lavigne for apostolic work in North Africa and they dress in Arab dress, in white. They are greatly respected by the Arab population everywhere.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Prince Edward Rd., Tel. 56127.

Low Sunday: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 7.30 Choral Mass, celebrated by E. E. the Bishop, who will distribute First Holy Communion to the children and the newly baptised adults, and after Mass will administer Confirmation; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days, Holy Mass at 8.30 and 7.15 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Low Sunday: First Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m.; Second Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This Service will be broadcast—Sermon by Rev. Fr. T. Ryan S.J.

On week-days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day before and after Mass. On Saturday, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Low Sunday: Communicants Fellowship: 8 a.m. Holy Communion and in Peak Church; 11 a.m. Matins, Preacher, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal; 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Preacher, Rev. A. P. Rose.

The Social Hour will be held immediately after Evensong, and all will be welcomed.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on: Thursday, 7.30 a.m. (Specially for Diocesan Conference); Friday, 7.45 a.m. (St. Mark).

NOTICE FOR THE WEEK: Badminton in the Cathedral Hall on Monday.

Diocesan Conference on Thursday, 5.30 p.m. (Cathedral Hall).

FRATERNITY PRAYER ROOM

77 Pokfulam Road

Saturday, 8.30 p.m., Fellowship meeting, "1941 and after." Subject: "Rosh, Meshech and Tuhel," and the raid on "the land of unvalleyed villages." (Exodus 33-39). Sunday, 9.45 a.m., Service of Holy Communion, 3 p.m., Bible Study Circle for young women, 8.30 p.m., Intercession for the war, Monday, 8 p.m., prayer meeting.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

31 Macdonnell Road

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches will be: "Doctrine of Atonement."

The Golden Text will be: "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself, by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." (II Corinthians 5: 18).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Hebrews 2: 14, 15).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The atonement of Christ reconciles man to God, not God to man; for the divine Principles of Christ is God, and how can God propitiate himself? Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin and death by the law of Spirit, the law of divine Love. (Science and Health, Pages 18, 19).

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong. (A Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. No. 31 Macdonnell Road close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 6 p.m. A Reading Room is maintained in the Church Building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1st Sunday after Easter: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10.00 a.m. Young People's Service; Junior Sunday School; 11.00 a.m. Choral Communion, Preacher: Rev. Cyril Brown.

6.15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon: Preacher: The Acting Vicar.

The Sunday Club will meet as usual after this service.

April 21: 10 a.m. Medical War Working Party for China; 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Committee.

April 23: 5.30 p.m. Wolf Cubs; 5.45 p.m. Choir Practice; 8.45 p.m. Rovers.

April 24: 10 a.m. Medical War Working Party for China.

April 25: St. Mark's Day; 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. Intercession Service in connection with the War.

ROSARY CHURCH

The following are the forthcoming services etc.

Low Sunday: At 6.30 a.m. Mass with Sermon in Chinese; At 7.30 a.m. Mass with Second Holy Communion of Children; At 8.30 a.m. Mass with Sermon in Portuguese; At 9.30 a.m. Mass with Sermon in English, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; At 2 p.m. Catechism in Chinese; At 2.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday: At 6 p.m. Meeting of the Members of C.Y.L.A.

Thursday: At 8 p.m. Meeting of the conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL

185 Portland Street, Mongkok

Low Sunday: At 6 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese; At 8 p.m. Night Prayers, Sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH HONGKONG

Queen's Road East Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital

Preachers: Morning—Rev. Vernon Stones, Evening—Rev. W.H. Hudds, M.A. Morning

Parade Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymns: 420, 613, 909, 230, 610.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymns: 32, 105, 527, 450.

NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & 9 Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Badminton Club at 8 & 9 Home. Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meetings for Prayer and Fellowship at 8 & 9 Home. Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. House Committee at 8 & 9 Home.

Special Appeal To All Englishmen To Join Society Of St. George

A special appeal to all Englishmen in the Colony who are not members of the SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG, to join, was made by the Acting President, MR. L. C. F. BELLAMY, M.C., at the 24th annual general meeting of the Society held in the Board Room of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, yesterday.

Mr. Bellamy said: "At present the active list of members has dwindled to 341. This must surely represent a small proportion only of the Englishmen in this Colony. There are three flourishing 'Colony' Societies in the Colony and a fourth—Lancashire—is suggested. As a Lancastrian I would join it but would certainly put the claims of this Society (representing the Mother Country) first. The subscription is only \$3 per annum.

THE OBJECTS

"I would remind you all that the objects of the Society are primarily to deal with cases of distressed and deserving Englishmen and their families. It is obvious that

PREVENTION OF BERI-BERI

A highly interesting paper, entitled "The Prevention of Beri-Beri" was read by DR. LYDIA FEHLY to the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association at the Chinese Merchants Club last night.

The paper was based on observations carried out and data collected by the speaker during her past two years of research work in China, Japan and the Philippines.

According to Dr. Fehly, beri-beri was chiefly caused by the consumption of highly-milled rice and prevention of it was the use of part-buffed rice, red rice and under-milled rice.

In introducing the speaker, Dr. Edward W. J. Sun, Vice-President of the Association, said that the paper had been accepted for publication in the British Journal of Health and Hygiene.

CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB CONCERT

The Fourteenth Concert of the Hongkong Chamber Music Club, given last night in the Great Hall of Hongkong University, drew a good attendance of music-lovers, among them a good many students. The programme was arranged by Bandmaster H. B. Jordan, A.R.C.M., featuring Professor Harry Ore in a solo pianoforte.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

The Sailors' Home & Seamen's Institute, Hongkong

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Next: Low Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Short Evening Service. Preacher: The Chaplain. Notices: Refreshments will be served after the Evening Service. N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Rev. J. C. L. Wong to Preach at Choral Eucharist

Low Sunday. Services in English: 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Sermon. Preacher: Rev. J. C. L. Wong. 9 a.m. Sunday School at 3 Duke St.

Sermons in Mandarin: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer & Sermon. Preacher: Mr. Chow Chen Kuang.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES

Wednesday, St. George's Day: Holy Communion at 7 a.m.

Thursday, Holy Communion at 7 a.m.

Friday, St. Mark: Holy Communion at 7 a.m.

Meetings and notices: The Christ Church congregation will meet the Mandarin speaking congregation in a Tennis and Bridge Tournament on Sunday afternoon, April 20. Tennis at 2.30 p.m. Bridge after supper at about 8.30 p.m.

Monday, April 21: Guild of Martha & Mary excursion to Sheung Shui leaving Kowloon by the 8.43 a.m. train.

Thursday, April 24: Usual weekly meeting of the Guild of Martha & Mary at 10 a.m. in the Vicarage. Choir practice in the Church at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 25: Vicar and Fellowship "At Home" in the Vicarage from 8.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME FOR WEDNESDAY

The programme for this year's celebration of St. George's Day on Wednesday will be as follows:—

At 12.45 p.m., the President, supported by Past Presidents and the General Committee, will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

At 5.30 p.m. (weather permitting), by kind permission of Lieut-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers, the band of the 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, will give a concert on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club.

revenue has dropped so considerably.

"I should like to take this opportunity of acknowledging the assistance and co-operation which we have received from the Hongkong Benevolent Society and the Police."

NEW OFFICERS

Election of officers and Committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

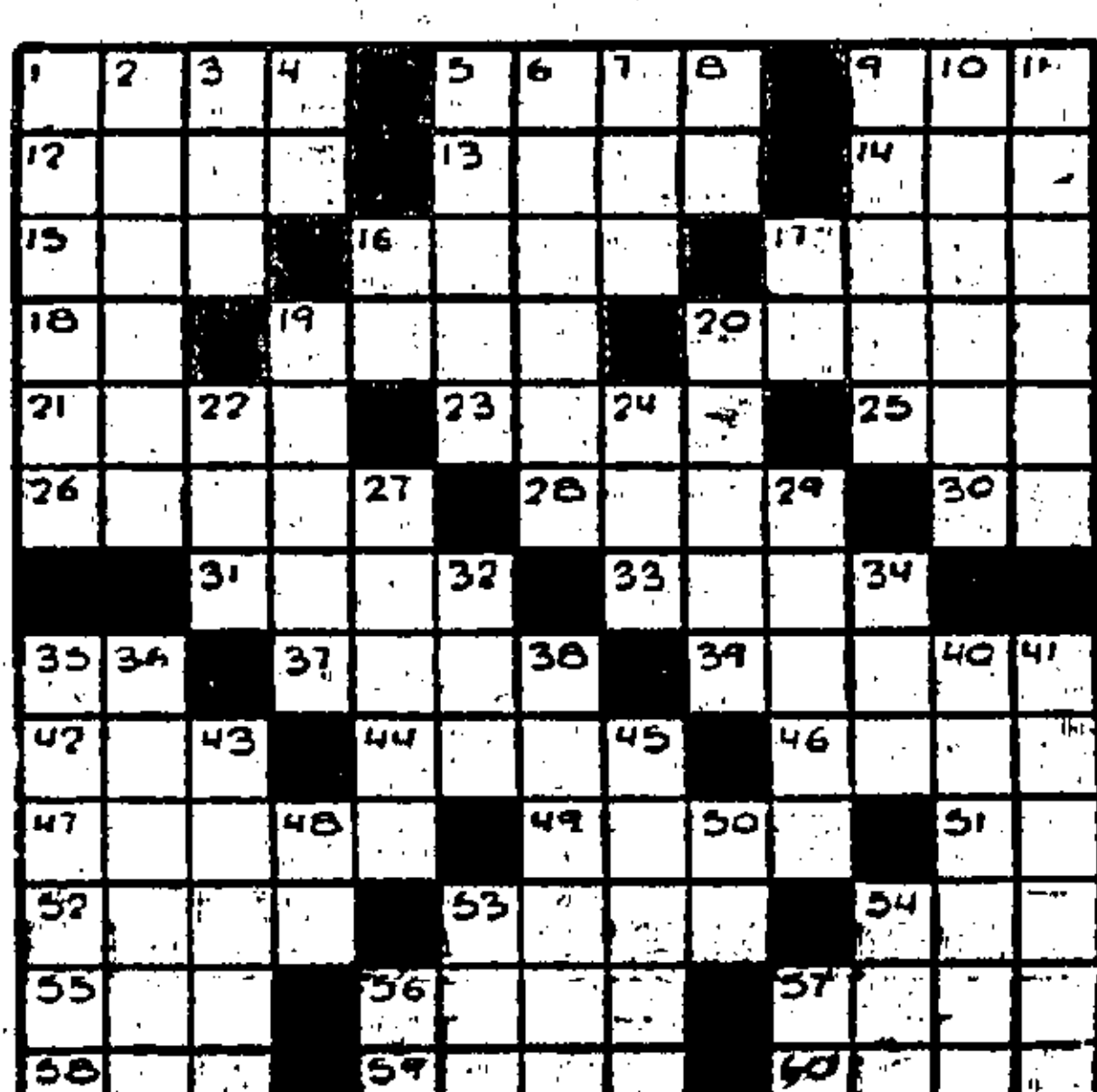
President: F. C. Hall; Vice-President: L. C. F. Bellamy; Committee: C. B. Brown, P. S. Cassidy, A. H. K. Cobb, W. A. Cornhill, J. D. Danby, L. J. Davies, V. C. Labrum, W. H. Lock, G. Miskin, A. H. Penn, G. G. N. Tinson and G. G. Wood. Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected Secretaries and Treasurers.

Those present at the meeting were: Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, J. D. Danby, G. Miskin, V. C. Labrum, R. H. K. Cobb, G. B. Labrum, W. R. Chester-Woods, L. J. Davies and S. T. Butlin, representing the Secretaries and Treasurers.

CROSSWORD NO. 869

ACROSS

1 Masculine
5 Metric unit of weight
9 Exclamation
12 Verbal
13 What is the capital of Latvia?
14 Japanese rice paste
15 Novel
16 What poet said, "A little learning is a dangerous thing"?
17 Jewish month
18 Indefinite article
19 Bird
20 Ascended
21 Place of incarceration
23 Town on the Aegean
25 Japanese coin
26 Lyndon is the seat of what Kansas county?
28 Dines
30 Egyptian sun god
31 Shaded walk
33 Cloths
35 Concerning
37 What country lies between French Indo-China and British Burma?
39 Raffles
42 Part of a curved line
44 Precious stone
45 Dash
47 What French Revolutionist was murdered by Charlotte Corday?
49 Extinct
51 Depart
52 Ridges of glacial sand and gravel
53 Synonyms
54 Evergreen tree
55 Gain as clear profit



56 Feminine name
57 Intriguing
58 Peer Gynt's mother
59 Military assistant
60 Urges on
DOWN
1 What is the smallest independent principality in Europe?
2 Spheres of action
3 Binding custom
4 Hebrew name for God
5 Small wood
6 Matrices
7 Grow old
8 Mother
9 From what seaport did Columbus set out in 1492?
10 One who entertains
11 What is the capital of Montana?
16 Italian river
17 Suffix denoting the comparative degree
19 Who was the famous painter of the Paris danseuse?
20 Turkish money of account
22 Herd of whales
24 Possessive pronoun
27 Who wrote Silas Marner?
28 Haste
32 Once around a track
34 Salt
35 What is the best-known novel of Helen Hunt Jackson?
38 Obiterates
39 In what capital city is the Prado?
40 Storming
41 Force as audibly through the nose
43 Box made of slate or stone
45 Rent
46 Suffix
47 Pertaining to
50 Interjection
53 Hawaiian food
54 Fresh
56 Note of the scale
57 Personal pronoun

SOLUTION MONDAY

Solution No. 868
T A E D I A L A S T P O P
O L A T O E N T I B U E
E L A B O R A T E N E S S
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T Q N I R A G E I N T O

C R I S T C A R T A D A H
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Finance and Commerce

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ALONG BURMA ROAD

Between 30,000 and 40,000 transport and road-repair workers along the Burma Road are receiving better protection against malaria and other prevalent contagious diseases following the institution of an elaborate health system along this important artery of international communication.

When the highway was under construction three years ago, an average of 10 per cent. of the 70,000 to 80,000 workers suffered from malaria and other diseases and not a few perished every day.

In Mangshih alone, near the Burma border, where malaria was most prevalent, over 10 per cent of the labourers fell victim to this deadly disease.

After its removal to Yunnan in 1938, the Central Anti-Epidemic Bureau in collaboration with the Yunnan Health Experimental Station and the anti-epidemic experts sent to China by the League of Nations, made a thorough investigation of the malaria scourge along the road. On the basis of this investigation, the National Health Administration, the Provincial Health Bureau, and the Departments of Civil Affairs, Finance and Reconstruction of the Yunnan Provincial Government jointly established the Anti-Malaria Commission, under which anti-malaria stations were set up in Chefang, Yuhshien, Szechuan, Puerh and Hekow. According to a plan recently formulated, stations will also be established in the current year in Nanchiao, Yuankiang, Liangku, Shunning, and Kwangnan.

To combat malaria as well as other diseases the National Health Administration mapped out a comprehensive medical and health plan during the closure of the Road last summer. A Burma Road Health Bureau and a Burma Road Health Commission were later established. The former undertakes all medical and health services along the highway, while the latter, jointly formed by the Ministry of Communications, the National Health Administration, the Burma Road Administration and other organs concerned, is responsible for planning and supervision.

In addition, a number of health stations have been established in Shangyun, Hsishan, Mangshih, Chefang, Yumping, Yunnanyi, Yayao, Paoshan, Tafusu, Tsohsung, Lungling and other places, to render medical attention to the people. Itinerant health units have also been organized to give medical treatment to inhabitants in isolated districts.

There are from one to four doctors, two to four nurses in each station while each itinerant health unit comprises one to two doctors, one assistant and two to four nurses.

The total number of health workers reaches over 300.—(Central News).

Kwangtung Reclamation Project

Overseas Donations Top Six Million Mark

Donations from overseas Chinese toward the refugee land reclamation project in Kwangtung Province have topped the \$6,000,000 mark. In addition to this amount, some overseas Chinese who have returned to the motherland have sponsored their own reclamation districts in the southern province.

A special area at Linhsien, west of Shaochow in northern Kwangtung, has been assigned to a group of Chinese from Hawaii who are interested in the development of waste or uncultivated land and providing work for refugees. The farm under their management is a million-dollar project in itself.

Overseas Chinese from San Francisco, Chicago, New York and other cities abroad are expected to launch similar land reclamation projects in Kwangtung.

CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISE

The Kwangtung relief organ's programme for land reclamation includes the establishment of a bank, promotion of co-operative enterprise among the settlers, collection and distribution of improved seeds, and experiment in collective farming.

Two hundred young, able-bodied refugees of outstanding intelligence have been given practical basic training in subjects related to chemical industry, civil and electrical engineering at special training institutes maintained by the relief commission of the Kwangtung provincial government.

An expansion plan is under way so that 1,000 young refugees can receive such instruction at the same time. More courses will be added to this free vocational training. The new subjects will include sewing, spinning and weaving, dry-cleaning and dyeing, glass making, printing, farming, and handicrafts.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The War news continuing to be grave, small wonder the market has lapsed into a dull and quiet state. Whilst prices are being barely maintained, brokers in general are not inundated with selling orders.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

H.K. Banks, \$1350, \$1345.
Canton Ins., \$222.
Union Ins., \$430.
Wharves, \$86.
Providents, \$510.
Lands, \$333, \$33.
Trams, \$161, \$16.10.
Star Ferries, \$52.
Lights (O), \$6.
Lights (N), \$1.70.
Lights Rts., 60 cts., 50 cts.
Telephones (O), \$221.
Ropes, \$71, \$7.
Watsons, \$9.70.
China Govt. 5% Bd. G\$28

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$70.
Union Ins., \$425.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$80.
Wharves, \$35.50.
Humphreys, \$38.50.
Trams, \$16.
Star Ferries, \$51.50.
Lights (O), \$8.
Lights Rts., 45 cts.
Entertainments, \$2.25.

SELLERS

H.K. Banks, \$1350.
Union Ins., \$430.
Trams, \$16.25.
H.K. Banks, \$1340.
Lights Rts., 50 cts.
Lane Crawfords, \$7.25.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Friday, April 18, 1941.

SALES

China Lights (O) 137 6.05
China Lights Rts. 248 0.50
Star Ferries 200 51.95

The total value is \$11,231.25.

INCREASE IN WOOL PRODUCTION

Total wool production in Canada in 1940 was 13,127,000 pounds as compared with 17,846,000 pounds in 1939. Shorn wool production amounted to 13,822,000 pounds, an increase of 253,000 pounds over the 1939 clip. An increase in the number of sheep shorn was responsible for the increase in shorn wool production.

Cash income from the 1940 wool clip is estimated at \$2,329,000 a gain of \$892,000 over cash income from the 1939 clip. Consumption of wool in Canada in 1940 amounted to 101,616,000 pounds, greasy basis, which is the highest figure in the last 10 years.

Consumption in 1939 amounted to 64,900,000 pounds and for the five years, 1934 to 1938, averaged 61,958,000 pounds a year. The high level of consumption in 1940 resulted largely from Government orders for clothing for the armed services.

AVERAGE YIELD

Although the average yield per fleece in 1940 was one-tenth of a pound less than the 1939 yield, an increase of 55,400 in the number of sheep shorn brought the total clip to 13,822,000 pounds as compared with 13,569,000 pounds in 1939.

The 1940 clip exceeded the 1939 clip in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Gross income from the 1940 wool clip totalled \$2,645,000 compared with \$1,827,000 from the 1939 clip. Most of this improvement in gross from 13.5 to 19.1 cents per pound in the average price received. Prices received were sharply higher in all provinces.

Stocks of wool on farms at December 31, 1940, amounted to 1,496,000 pounds, a reduction of 86,000 pounds from the stocks at December 31, 1939. Stocks were larger in Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. Of the total stocks held on farms at December 31, 771,000 pounds were reported being held for home consumption and 725,000 pounds for sale.

FARM PRODUCTS EXPORT

The situation with respect to the marketing of Canadian agricultural products in Great Britain is gradually becoming clarified with the progress of the war, states the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada.

While Great Britain remains the only important purchaser of Canadian surplus agricultural commodities, her war policy rates imported foodstuffs definitely as supplements to complete the supplies of food officially considered as necessary. It is, therefore, only possible to export to Britain the commodities which the British Government concedes to have a place in the general war programme.

All importations of foodstuffs are controlled both as to volume and price to ensure a uniform and sufficient supply of essentials for the whole nation, and to limit these importations.

SZECHWAN WOOD OIL PRODUCTION

More than 40 per cent. of the Chinese wood oil exported annually to foreign countries originated in Szechwan. Szechwan is the nation's biggest producer of this oil. As the 1935-37 Chinese Maritime Customs reports show, that the United States took 56.61 per cent. of the entire quantities of wood oil exported from China during those three years, it is evident that much of the oil produced and processed in Szechwan is for the international market.

In 1938 42.90 per cent. of the local wood oil came from points below Chungking, 34.30 per cent. from places along the Chialing, Fu and Chu rivers, 14.30 per cent. from Wukiang cities, 7.10 per cent. from Yangtze points above the city, and the remaining 1.40 per cent. from other smaller places. Prior to the war, as seen from the 1938 and 1937 averages, only five per cent. of Chungking's wood oil came from the Lower Yangtze, with ten per cent. from the Upper Yangtze.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN FOCHOW

FOCHOW, April 18 (Central)—Mr. Aw Boon-haw, Chinese overseas industrial leader, has sent a telegram to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, petitioning that appropriate steps be taken to relieve the food shortage in Fochow. "It is learned that Mr. Aw will also send a personal delegate here with funds to relieve the refugees. Mr. Aw himself is a Fochowite."

CANADIAN TOBACCO

The commercial acreage of tobacco in Canada in 1940 was 67,930 acres compared with 92,300 acres in 1939. Production has been estimated at 60,926,100 pounds as against 107,103,400 pounds in 1939, a reduction of 44 per cent.

The fine cured crop, amounted to about 39 million pounds in 1940 compared with 79.7 million in 1939. These figures are based upon the second estimate made by the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CANADA'S FLOUR MILLS

There were 368 flour mills and 925 feed mills in Canada in 1940. The flour mills had a total 24-hour capacity of 98,553 barrels.

Thirty-five of the flour mills, 40 per cent of the feed mills, and 66 per cent of the flour milling capacity in Canada are located in Ontario.

Quebec ranks second as far as the number of flour and feed mills is concerned, but in flour milling capacity Saskatchewan is second to Ontario, followed by Alberta, Quebec and Manitoba.

The Maritime Provinces and British Columbia have a small milling capacity.

MONGOLIAN HEALTH BUREAU

LANCHOW, April 18 (Central)—The Mongolian Health Bureau under the National Health Administration is energetically pushing its health programme in the north-western provinces. Health stations and clinics have been set up at Yulin in North Shensi, Tingyuan in Ninghsia and an undisturbed place in west Suiyuan.

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Tel: 20636.

WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).	Apr. 10 (000's Omitted)	Apr. 17
Public Deposits	18,726	14,870
Other Deposits:—		
Bankers	110,080	115,150
Other Accounts	53,300	53,410
Total	163,386	168,580
Government Securities	127,970	132,690
Other Securities:—		
Discounts and Advances	39,910	40,780
Securities	19,310	18,400
Total	59,220	59,180
Notes and Coins	12,560	9,230
Total Bullion	1,280	1,430
Notes in circulation	618,720	622,200
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	6,80%	5,03%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	168/-	168/-

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETURNS

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).	Apr. 11 (1940) (000's Omitted)	Apr. 17
Bills Bought	2,467,000	2,184,000
U.S. Securities Held	88,04%	91,00%
Federal Reserve Ratio	2,500,000	2,285,000
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	18,628,000	22,421,000
Monetary Gold Stocks	9,875,000	7,385,000
Industrial Advances		7,470,000

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REAL RUSSIAN FOOD	EXCEPT MONDAYS
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1941

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
APRIL 18, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	45 1/2
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On India:—	
On demand	102 1/8
Telegraphic Transfer	82 5/8
and demand	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 54 1/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 54 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/8
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	53 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Friday April 18
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23.1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with small American Trade buying. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 401.

MARKET

Quiet.
STERLING
No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Open with sellers at 24.7/16, buyers bidding 24.1/2 resulting in a small business at 24.7/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 24.3/8 for near and probably forward, buyers at 24.7/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 466, with business done at 466 3/4 and 467. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 466 1/2, buyers at 467.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3.13/64 and then rose to 3.7/32. At the close the rate was again quoted at 4.13/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.1/4 and closed a shade lower at 5.7/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet.

STERLING
The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Quiet. The market closed with sellers at 24.3/8 for near and forward, buyers at 24.7/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Quiet. Closed with sellers at 466 1/2, buyers at 467.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling closed with sellers at 3.13/64 and U.S. at 5.7/32 for Spot. Quiet.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 18 (Reuter).	
Official T.T. Rates	
Opening	
London	0/3-5/16
New York	5-3/16
Japan	23
India	17-5/8
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	21-1/8

Sterling	
Opening	
Spot	0/3-13/64
Apr.	0/3-13/64
May	0/3-13/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	45-7/32
Apr.	5-7/32
May	5-7/32
Market	Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Apr. 17 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Apr. 17 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 95-15-0

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Apr. 17, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.30	11.24	11.30	.01 off
New York Rubber, May	23.15	22.85	23.25	.40 off
Chicago Wheat, May	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, June	13.95	13.87	13.85b	.05 up

NEW YORK COTTON
Close

	High	Low	Close	Change
May	11.30/30	11.29/29		.01 off
July	11.26/27	11.24/24		.02 off
October	11.20/21	11.21/21		.01 up
December	11.20 N	11.20 N		unch.
January	11.18 N	11.17 N		.01 off
March	11.20/21	11.20/20		unch.
Spot	11.50	11.49		.01 off

Total sales Wednesday—92,900 tons.
The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 25 and date of delivery is May 1.

NEW YORK RUBBER
May 23.25/25 22.85/85 40 off
July (New contract) 22.07/12 21.75b/80a 29 off
September 21.72/75 21.39/40 33 off
December 21.55b/40a 21.19/20 16 off
Total sales for the day—520 tons.
The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 29 and last trading day is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 91 1/2/91 1/2 1 off
July 90 1/4/90 1/4 1 off
September 91 1/4/91 1/4 1 off
Wednesday's sales—13,069,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN
May 68 1/2/68 1/2 1 off
July 69 1/2/69 1/2 1 off
September 69 1/2/69 1/2 1 off
Total sales for the day—79 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA
May 7.02 N 7.22 N 20 up
The First Notice Day for May cocoa is April 24 and the last trading day is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3
May 23.85b/37a 23.75b/38a .01 up
July 23.75b/38a 23.59b/40a .02 up
Volume of business done—190 lots.
The First Notice Day for No. 3 Sugar is April 24 and the last trading day is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4
May 7.5b/75a 7.4b/77a .01 up
July 7.9b/80a 7.8b/80a .00 up
Volume of business done—240 lots.
The First Notice Day for No. 4 Sugar is April 17 and the last trading day is May 1.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES
July 11.40b/48a 11.40b/48a unch.

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL
July 9.07b/88a 9.28/28 21 up
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.01-3/4 4.01

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, April 17.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of this market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952) 103 1/2

Defence Loan, 3% 101 1/2

Antion-Kloon Rly. 5% 11

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 42

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47 40-44

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 24

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 31

Chinese 5% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 8-10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 47

Homan Rly. 5% 14

Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 14

Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 12

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5%-1913 12

Shan-Ning Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 12

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 22

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 6

Chartered Bank 8 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 75

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) 78 1/2

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 15/-

Chosen Corporation 4/-

Mercantile Bank of India, 28, "P" 10 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 1/6

S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 10/-

S'hai Waterworks "A" 11 1/2

Union Insurance 23

Guthrie & Co. Rubber 15/-

Log. Mtd. & Scot. Rly. 11 1/2

Great Western Rly. 31 1/2

National Bank of India 30 1/2

S. A. Tob. (bearer) 83/8

Dunlop Rubber 33/-

Bristol Aeroplane 10/3

Imperial Chemical Ind. 29/8

Imperial Steel 21/3

Woolworths 46/3

Marmann Investments 6/3

Western Holdings 9/3

Sub-Nigel 142/6

Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 40/7 1/2

bid

LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 17 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, FINE per oz., 168/-

An increase in the population of the rural areas of the United States is indicated by the preliminary reports of the 1940 U.S. census. Higher farm birth rates, failure to migrate as usual and in some areas an actual back to the land movement are given as reasons for the rise in rural population during the depression.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATIONS

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 18, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Kennecott Copper	32 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	13 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	33 1/2
Allis Chalmers	27	Lockheed Aircraft	20 1/2
Amer. Can.	84 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Martin, Glenn L.	26
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Amer. & Foreign P. P.	12	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	National Distillers	20
Amer. Radiator	6	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	4 1/2
Amer. S'ing and B'ing Co.	38 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	158 1/2	N. American Aviation	13
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68 1/2	North American Co.	13 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anacosta Copper	23 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	25 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	71 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Bills & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	19 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	31 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	8 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13
Celanese	20 1/2	Socomy-Vasum Oil	8 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	58	Southern Ry. & Pfd.	23
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	30 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2	Standard Brands	6
Consolidated Edison	7 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	1
Consolidated Oil	20	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Copperweld Steel	13 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	5 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	68 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	14 1/2	Texas Corp.	37 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Artolite	28 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 56 pt.	61	Union Pacific	78 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 56 pt.	64 1/2	United Aircraft	35 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 57 pt.	32	United Airlines Trans.	11
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Corp.	1
Gen. Electric	30	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pt.	21
Gen. Motors	39 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	11 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	U.S. Steel	52
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	Vanadium	25
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	5
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	24 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Western Sugar	22 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	90 1/2
Int. Nickel	26	Woodward Iron Cor.	25 1/2
Int. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2	National City Bank	—
Johnman	56 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	5 1/2

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1940/41	Apr. 18, 1941	High	Low	Close	Change
High Low Dow Jones Averages	118.80	118.75	117.78	118.16	.44 off
163.20 111.54 30 Industrials	32.67	32.16	30	32.14	.05 up
26.46 18.03 20 Rails	18.49	18.55	18.37	18.45	.04 off
22.19 23.08 40 Utilities	64.07	43.74	11	Commodity Index	63.70
				Business Dope:—	400,000 shares

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 17 (Reuter).
Silver—Very small trade buying and production selling. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2.
Forward, 23-1/2.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Apr. 17 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet. Offtake 75 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-05

May 21 Settlement 63-07

June 20 Settlement 63-09

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Apr. 17 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, 2271-1/4

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, 2287-5/8

Market steady. After hours—100 tons of 3 months at 2285.

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Apr. 17 (Reuter).

Loans on securities to brokers in New York:—

Wk.-ended Wk.-ended Wk.-ended

11/4/40 10/4/41 17/4/41

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To SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES
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S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" Apr. 29
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S.S. "PRESIDENT TYLER" May 12
S.S. "PRESIDENT GARFIELD" May 18

To MANILA

S.S. "PRESIDENT PIERCE" Apr. 26
S.S. "PRESIDENT TAFT" May 8
S.S. "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" May 21

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S.S. "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" May 8
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Apr. 29
May 9
May 16

May 4
May 12
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Apr. 26
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May 13
June 19

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HIE MARU Saturday, 3rd May

SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo & San Francisco.
TAKETOYO MARU (starts from Kobe) Tuesday, 20th May

COLOMBO & MADRAS via Singapore
MURORAN MARU Sunday, 4th May

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila.
SUWA MARU Monday, 28th Apr.

SAIGON
MATUE MARU Friday, 25th Apr.
TUTUGA MARU Thursday, 8th May

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
GENOA MARU Monday, 28th Apr.
OKITU MARU Sunday, 11th May

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore.
MATUE MARU Friday, 25th Apr.
TOBA MARU Monday, 28th Apr.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA
HUSIMI MARU Monday, 21st Apr.
TATUTA MARU Tuesday, 6th May

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RADIO PROGRAMME

Continued from Page 3

"Tomorrow is Another Day." "The Gold Diggers of 1937" — Selection — Intro: "All's Fair in Love and War." "Let's put our heads together." "With plenty of Money and You" — Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orch. Al Bollington—Organ. Cool Lal Lal So Green (Film "That's a good girl" — Jack Buchanan (Comedian). Love & Hisses — Intro: Be a Good Sport; Sweet Someone; I Wanna Be in With-chell's Column — Carroll Gibbons (piano) and his Boy Friends. Walter. Walter; The Trek Song (both from film "We're going to be rich") — Gracie Fields acc. by F. Hartley and Orch. The Great Ziegfeld—Film Selection — Intro: You Gotta Pull Strings; A Pretty Girl is like a Melody — Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Sym-phony.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—"O!!"

Variety with Flanagan & Allen and Gerald & His Orchestra.

11.00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Can't You Tell; Once More—Benny Goodman and His Or-chestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Confetti on the Pavement — Mantovani and his Orch. Fox-Trots—Memories of You; Soft Winds—Benny Goodman Sextet. Fox-Trot—Sierra Sue; Slow Fox-Trot —Trade Winds—Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orch. Vo-calist: "Celia." Rumba Fox-Trots — Adios; Siboney—Madriguera and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Smoky Mary — Bob Crosby and his Orchestra. Waltz —The Umbrella Man—Jack Hylton & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Cocoanut Grove; The Four of Parting — Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—T'm Spending Christmas with the Old Folks; Slow Fox-Trot — There'll Come Another Day—Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Orch.—Vocalist "Celia." The Veleta; St. Bernard Waltz—Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trot—A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square; Quick-Step — Tiger's Eye—Joe Loss and His Orchestra. vocal refrain by Bob Arden.

12.00 Close down.

TOMORROW

TCHAIKOWSKY-SYMPHONY NO. 5
IN E MINOR, OP. 64
"La Traviata" Act 1

10.00—11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.

12.15 p.m. Verdi — La Traviata — Act 1.

Singers: Mercedes Caspir, Lionel Cecil, Ida Conti, G. Nessi, N. Villa, Baracchi, Baccaloni, with Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan.

12.50 Goldmark — "The Queen of Sheba"—Ballet Music.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra under direction of Frederick Stock.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Jubilee Music Hall Parade, 1910—1935.

1.20 Bale da Costa at the Piano.

Music in the Air — Medley (Ham-merstein and Kern) — Intro: We be-long together; I'm so eager; I'm alone; I've told ev'ry little star; The song is you; When the spring is in the air. Would you like to Take a Walk (Dixon and others).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64.

1st Mov: Andante — Allegro con Anima; 2nd Mov: Andante cantabile con alcuna licenza; 3rd Mov: Valse (Allegro moderato); 4th Mov: Finale

(Andante maestoso—Allegro vivace)—Moderato assai e molto maestoso — Presto—Molto meno mosso — Leopold Stokowsky and the Philadelphia Or-chestra.

2.35 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk: "Britain Speaks."

7.30 Selections from Light Opera.

"Dollar Princess"—Waltz (Fall) — Marek Weber and his Orchestra. A Country Girl — Vocal Gems—Intro: The Rajah of Bhong; Peace, Peace; Try Again Johnny; Ye, ho, Little Girls, Ye, ho; Coo; Under the Deo-dar; Two Little Chicks; Excerpt: Finale act 1. (Rubens and others).

Columbia Light Opera Company w Orch. "Victoria and Her Hussar" — Selection—Intro: One girl only; Par-don, Madame; Mama! Land of Song; Do-Do-Do; Goodnight; Mouse; Star of my Night; No time for anyone but you; Following the Drum. (Abraham) —Marek Weber and his Orchestra.

The Student Prince—Vocal Gems — Intro: Students' March Song; Golden Days; Serenade; Deep in my Heart; Drinking Song; (Römer) — Savoy Orpheans.

8.00 Local Time Signal and An-nouncements.

8.02 All Song by Elizabeth Schuman (Soprano).

With a coloured ribbon (Beetho-ven).

8.06 Beethoven—Concerto No. 1 in C major, Op. 15.

1st Mov: Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov: Largo; 3rd Mov: Ronde—Arthur Schna-bel (piano) & the London Symphony cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Compositions of Coleridge-Tay-lor with his Petite Suite de Concert played by London Symphony Orch.

Petite Suite de Concert — London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hiawatha") — Tudor Davies (Tenor). Three Dream Dances —London Palladium Orchestra con-ducted by Clifford Greenwood.

9.45 — 10.15 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 Choral Programme.

Blessing, Glory and Wisdom (Bach) —Westminster Abbey Choir conducted by Dr. E. Bullock. Blessed City (Baltow) —Westminster Abbey. Spe-cial Choir cond. by Dr. E. Bullock. O. H. Peasgood—Organ.

10.15 Studio — Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by a Minister of the Church of England.

10.35 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.

do. 9.00 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Sum-mary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

WHEREABOUTS OF U.S. FLEETS

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secre-tary of the Navy, said at the Press conference that he could not divulge the whereabouts of the destinations of the two U.S. Fleets which recently visited New Zealand and Australia, adding that during the present emergency the Gov-ernment would not give any in-formation regarding the movements of U.S. warships.

Colonel Knox flatly refused to answer an inquiry whether the warships would return to Honolulu after the south Pacific goodwill cruises. He also declined to com-ment upon the report that the United States would shortly send a submarine squadron to Singapore.

Concerning the rumour that Ja-pan would transfer her destroyers to Germany to be used as Pacific raiders, Colonel Knox said that the report was only "a supposition" and refused to elaborate his remark.

Informed observers opined that the United States would keep the goodwill fleets near the places where they would be most handy in case of a crisis in the south Pacific. (Central News).

U.S. Naval Material For Britain

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (Reuter) —The United States Navy is "al-most daily" issuing material to Britain from stocks in hand.

The Secretary for Navy, Colonel Knox, disclosed this while testi-fying before the Senate Defence Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, includ-ing new bases acquired from Bri-tain, Col. Knox declared that work on them are 50 per cent. complete on the average.

MELBOURNE, Apr. 18 (Reuter) —The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, stated yesterday that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after in-terpretations of the Russo-Jap-anese pact, and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific.

CHANGTSEH, April 18 (Central) —Six Japanese planes staged a raid over the suburbs of Changteh, Hunan, yesterday morning. Scores of bombs were dropped, but no damage was done.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 19 to 25 Apr. 1941.

High Water		Low Water	
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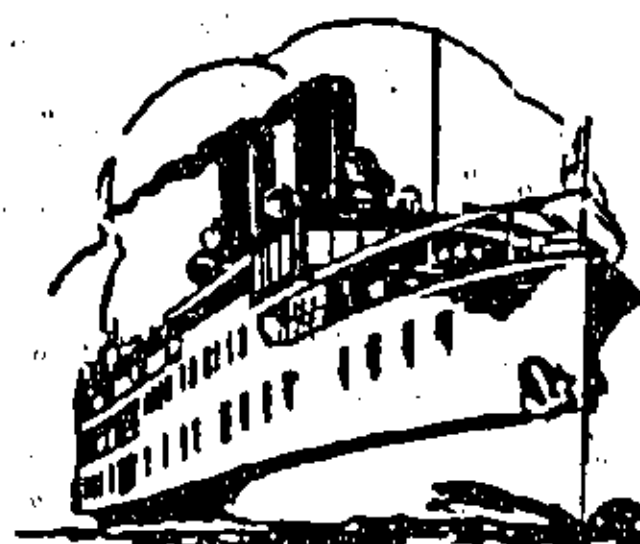
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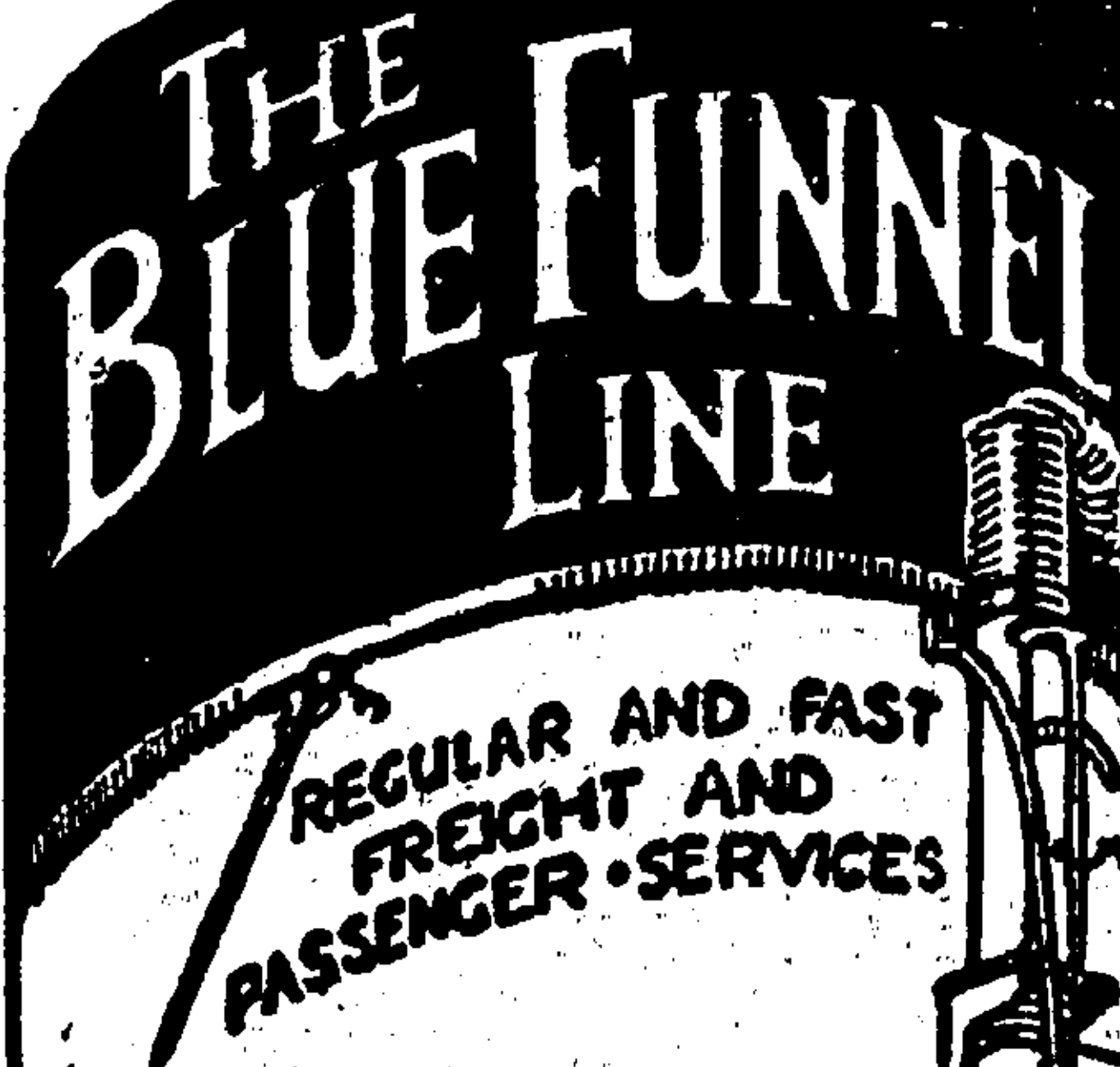
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RICE PRICE HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE SEPT.

Compulsion For Dealers To Issue Bills Urged

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

"I AM AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS RICE PROBLEM," SAID A WELL-KNOWN PORTUGUESE BUSINESS MAN WHEN DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT WITH OUR REPORTER. "Surely, Government could easily anticipate the attendant rise in prices—all petty cases—should the price of this all-important commodity be beyond the reach of the poor classes. It does not need any imagination to see that, driven against the wall, a Chinese would resort to petty larceny just to be sent to gaol where he could be sure of his two meals daily."

"Since last September, the price of rice has almost doubled, and I very much doubt whether any working Chinese could make both ends meet on his salary."

"It was a pity that Government should have relaxed its vigilance on the market when conditions improved after the introduction of price control in December last."

Asked what remedy he could suggest, he replied: "I entirely endorse Mr. Tso's propositions—especially that of making it compulsory for dealers to issue bills."

Despite the announcement that rice would be sold at \$14.80 per picul, inquiries made by our reporter yesterday failed to reveal where this rice could be bought. Admittedly, most of the shops are offering rice at six-and-a-half coppers to the dollar, but the quality was most decidedly not that which was shown to our representative by the Acting Rice Controller.

SWINDLING NOW

From profiteering the retailers have, in many cases, resorted to swindling by offering for sale inferior quality rice at 'Grade 1' price, and by holding up the really good quality cereal for 'regular customers' who are prepared to dispense with the formality of a bill."

Encouraged by the lethargy of the Government, dealers have further increased the price of the

so-called Grade 1 quality to six coppers and eight taels to the dollar, or higher than the controlled rate. This breach of the regulations is made possible by the refusal to give bills, or sales notes, for purchases, leaving the buyer no remedy as no complaints are received by the authorities without proof!

DRASTIC ACTION NEEDED

The effectiveness of merely threatening to take the most drastic action against profiteering was amply demonstrated by the speedy eradication of the "dark market" in firewood when the Stores Controller made it known that he would "take the most drastic action" within his power against any store found selling at above fixed prices.

As to the issuance of sales slips (or bills), this action would, besides enabling the purchaser to report any profiteering to the authorities, also enable the inspectors employed by the Food Controller to check up on the dealers. These inspectors could, when seeing a delivery of rice being made, ask the coolie to produce the bill and compare the price with the quality sold. Without knowing when one of their coolies might be stopped by a Food Control inspector, or a Police officer, dealers would soon be compelled to sell at Government prices.

H.K. Volunteer Orders

ORDERS BY COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

PARADES

Corps Artillery

Dress for all Btys. for 1 Day Training S.D. caps, shirt, cardigan, shorts, puttees, boots, web equipment pouches, haversack and water bottle filled; steel helmet, respirator, overalls and gunplatform shoes to be carried; greatcoat optional, Jrd, 4th and 5th A.A. Btys. only, knife fork, spoon plate and mug.

1st Battery

Apr. 22, H.Q. 2 p.m. All secs. Bty. training at D'Agallar.
Apr. 24, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Sec. Signal class. Dress—Muff.

2nd Battery

Apr. 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Kit inspection. Dress—Muff.
Apr. 23, Bty. Office, 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.s. Dress—Muff.
Apr. 24, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. for Bluff head. All Secs. Half-day training. Dress—See para. (a) 1 above.

3rd Battery

Apr. 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As detailed. B.C.A. Class. Dress—Muff.
Apr. 24, H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. for Aberdeen. Dress—As ordered.
Apr. 25, D.E.L. School, D.E.L. Sec. Dress—Overalls.

4th Battery

Apr. 22, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Secs. Bty. drill and instruction. Dress—See para. (a) 1 above.
Apr. 24, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Secs. Kit inspection and arms drill. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, shorts, puttees, web belt. All remaining clothing and equipment in kit bags.

5th A.A. Battery

Apr. 22, H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Half-day training at Saiwan. Dress—See para. (a) 1 above.
Apr. 23, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Muff.
Apr. 24, H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Half-day training at Saiwan. Dress—See para. (a) 1 above.
Apr. 24, St. John's Place, 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Muff.

Field Company Engineers

Apr. 24, K.C.R. 2.30 p.m. Infantry Exercise. Dress—Battle Order, less box respirators. Cardigans will be worn and loose-leaf training manuals (red books) must be brought on parade, 7.30 p.m. Lecture on "Bomb disposal" by O.C. in Company Drill Hall.

Corps Signals

Apr. 21, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) Classification Group, Special training. (ii) Remainder, lamp signalling.
Apr. 23, H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Gas course. (ii) Field training until 9 a.m. as detailed. Dress—Summer Battle Order.
Apr. 25, (i) W/P Class report directly to Govt. Trade School at 2 p.m. (ii) Remainder, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

Mobile Column

Apr. 21, (i) Those detailed. Kennedy Road Range, V.G. Part 1. Parade at Drill Hall 5.15 p.m. Range Officer—Lt. K. C. Hamilton. (ii) Nos. 1, 2 Flns. Class A. Indication and recognition (V.G.); Classes D and C. Stoppages, V.G.; Classes D and E. Lessons 7 and 15 L.G. (iii) Nos. 3, 4 Flns. Class 1. Lecture V.G.; Class 2. Mechanism V.G.; Class 3. Stripping and assembling V.G. (iv) No. 5 Fln. Classes A, B, and C. Arms drill. (v) Dress—All Flns. Overalls, R.T.R. caps.

No. 1 Company

Apr. 21, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Training Area—Brick Hill. For details see Coy. Notice Board.
Apr. 22, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.
Apr. 25, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

No. 2 Company

Apr. 22, Kowloon Docks, 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Fln. Weapon training.
Apr. 23, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Fln. Weapon training.
Apr. 25, H.Q. 2 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order.

No. 3 Company

Apr. 21, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Cap, shirt, shorts.
Apr. 24, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.C. Classification. Those detailed. Dress—Cap, shirt, shorts; equipment less haversack.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.
A.R.P. Lecture
Apr. 23, A.R.P. H.Q. Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m. A.R.P. Lecture. Transport from Queen's Pier, 5.20 p.m.
Respirators
Respirators will be returned to Vol. H.Q. on Apr. 21 between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Strength-Increase
Miss E. P. Donelson—15.4.41.
Strength-Decrease
Mrs. J. Fisher—19.4.41.

FAREWELL RECEPTION BY DR. QUO

SOVIET ENVOY & STAFF PRESENT

DR. QUO TAI-CHI, the departing Chinese Ambassador to Britain, who is leaving London to take up his appointment as Foreign Minister of China gave a huge farewell reception at the Chinese Embassy on Tuesday last.

MR. O. M. GREEN, former Editor of the North China Daily News, Shanghai, who was present at the function described it in the course of a broadcast from London yesterday.

"For over three hours," said Mr. Green, "Dr. Quo welcomed his guests, shaking hands with some 600 people who had come to bid him a regretful good-bye."

On a table in the middle of the room were the signed portraits of the King and Queen which were presented to Dr. Quo by their Majesties when he paid his respects to them, and also an autographed photograph given to him by Mr. Winston Churchill.

SUN-BURNED EDEN

"Amongst the distinguished guests I saw Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, quite sun-burned after his recent trip to the Middle East and looking as if he hasn't a care in the world; Major C. R. Attlee (Lord Privy Seal), Lord and Lady Simon, Lord and Lady Willingdon, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. W. S. Morrison, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. A. V. Alexander (First Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Kingsley Wood (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Lord Beaverbrook (Minister for Aircraft Production), Lord Woolton (Minister of Food), Sir John Anderson (Minister of Home Security), Mr. L. S. Amery (Secretary for India), Sir Robert Vansittart, Sir Alexander Cadogan, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, Mr. David Lloyd George, Lord Reth, Lord Lytton, Lord Cecil, Lord Strabolgi, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alexander Hardinge (the King's Private Secretary), Mr. H. G. Wells and Mr. Vernon Bartlett."

HIGHLY ESTEEMED

"I cannot say more than that Dr. Quo has been highly esteemed in London as an Ambassador and sincerely liked as a man. We are sorry he is going," continued Mr. Green.

"A thing that struck me was the presence of M. Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador to Britain, and the whole staff of the Russian Embassy were also present at the reception."

WAR PAINTINGS EXHIBITION

WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

An exhibition of war paintings by Mr. Liang Yu-ming, of the Aeronautics Department and Ministry of Education, Chungking, was opened yesterday morning at St. John's Cathedral Hall by the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall.

Bishop Hall, in a short opening address, congratulated Mr. Liang on his work which so brilliantly typified, Bishop Hall said, the spirit of resistance which would enable China to emerge triumphant over every enemy, within and without.

"There are some 150 oil paintings and sketches making up the exhibition, the range of subjects being a very wide one covering scenes from both ancient Chinese history and the present war."

The exhibition will continue today, St. John's Hall being open to visitors from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Net proceeds will go in aid of the B.V. O.F. the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China and the Chinese Artists' Aeroplane Fund.

A letter to this effect has been received by Mr. Hu Lin, publisher of the TA KUNG PAO, from Prof. Frank L. Martin, Dean of the School.

FOREIGN MAILS

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SATURDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".	Sat. 26th K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM

TONS OF EXPLOSIVES RAINED IN REPRISAL RAID ON LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—Wednesday night's raid on Greater London, described by the Nazi High Command as a reprisal for the R.A.F.'s hammering of Berlin on April 9, was of a character that might be expected to precede a Nazi invasion, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

Tons of high explosives were dropped not only in the metropolis itself but also in the outer suburbs, particularly those to the south-east where I was caught in the heaviest and most prolonged blitz this area has suffered.

Heavy bombs sometimes fell in salvos, gashing the night with blinding flashes and an ear-splitting treble roar.

At the height of the attack before midnight, both sticks and salvos came tumbling down together for fully an hour.

In the event that an invasion was ordered for the morning, it would be Hitler's three-fold objective by a preliminary blitz on London to create confusion and despondency on the eve of the event among the general public and paralyse normal services and communications.

It is probable that one or more other large cities or areas would be attacked on the same scale at the same time or at least on successive nights. One area might well be Northern Ireland, which the Luftwaffe blitzed on Tuesday last. Here an attempt would obviously be made to create difficulties for the British Army in Northern Ireland, had it to go to the rescue of Elre from an invasion thrust.

Greater London showed on Wednesday night that it will answer back this ruthless method of attack in which far greater material than military damage is likely to occur, as it has done in every past effort to blitz it to submission.

Firemen, Wardens, skilled workmen, Home Guards and the services all strained every nerve to minimise the effect of the raid even while it was on. The attack lasted throughout the night. This would enable many of the raiders to make as many as three trips from their bases in northern France.

DEATH OF MISS M. J. RUSSELL

The death occurred at her residence, "The Hermitage," Kennedy Road, early yesterday morning, of Miss Margaret Jane Russell, a resident of the Colony for 50 years.

The late Miss Russell was born in Shanghai in 1886. She was known to many societies in the Colony for generous contributions, the Benevolent Society being a particular beneficiary.

The funeral will take place today passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

MRS. B. DALLAH

The Malay community lost one of its most respected members when Mrs. Rahima Dallah passed away at her residence yesterday morning after having experienced indifferent health for a long period.

Mrs. Dallah was 66 years of age. She leaves a son, Mr. A. R. Dallah, the well-known lawn bowler, and a daughter, Mrs. A. G. Kadir.

The funeral took place in the afternoon at the Mohammedan Cemetery, Mlivi Mohammed Noor Shah officiating.

B.S. FONG TO BE HONOURED

Alumni of the Stanford University and the University of California in Hongkong have decided to give a joint luncheon party in honour of Mr. B.S. Fong, member of the People's Political Council now visiting in Hongkong tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. at Cafe Windsor.